

To save jobs bill, Obama calls on first responders



President Barack Obama speaks at the Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, N.C. Obama has been in North Carolina and Virginia as part of a three-day bus tour to discuss jobs and the economy. (Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

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NORTH CHESTERFIELD, Va.

— Wrapping up his three-day bus tour on an intimate note, President Barack Obama dropped in at a suburban firehouse here Wednesday and urged fire-fighters and rescue workers to pressure Republicans to support his jobs bill.

The Senate will vote in the coming weeks on a \$35 billion chunk of the bill designed to retain teachers and emergency workers. And for all the human moments that animate these bus tours, the president made it clear he wanted something from this audience. "It's wonderful to have a chance to see everyone and shake hands and take pictures," Obama said, standing in front of a yellow-and-white pumper truck, "but the main reason I'm here is that I want you to send a message to Congress that this is important."

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Wild Kingdom



Police kill most animals freed from Ohio preserve

A sign warning motorists that exotic animals are on the loose rests on I-70 Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, near Zanesville, Ohio. Police with assault rifles stalked a mountain lion, grizzly bear and monkey still on the loose after authorities said their owner apparently freed dozens of wild animals and then killed himself.

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ZANESVILLE, Ohio

— The woman's voice on the other end of the 911 call was calm, if a little annoyed.

"There's a bear and a lion out," she said.

"There's a bear and a lion out?" the operator asked, just as calmly.

"Yeah," said the woman, "Right up behind us." The caller was asked to repeat that last part. "Yeah," she said. "They're chasing Terry's horses."

By late Wednesday, the authorities in Zanesville, in central Ohio, said they had killed or captured all but two of the 56 exotic animals that had escaped from cages and pens at an animal preserve in a wooded area a few miles west of downtown after the owner cut open their cages and then fatally shot himself.

The owner, Terry Thompson, 62, had been released from

a federal prison Sept. 30 after a year-long sentence for possessing illegal firearms. Thompson had been recently separated from his wife, but it was unclear why he released the animals, which he and his wife had taken care of for many years and which were methodically gunned down by sheriff's deputies armed with assault rifles throughout the night Tuesday and into Wednesday.

Officials said at least 48 animals — including 18 Bengal tigers, which are an endangered species with fewer than 3,000 left in the wild — were shot and killed by deputies and other law enforcement personnel to prevent the animals from attacking humans. Seventeen lions were also killed. At least one animal was struck and wounded by a car as it tried to cross a street. The animal, which officials described as one of the large cats, was later shot. Various

species of monkeys found in cages inside the house were not harmed.

Several other animals, including three leopards, a grizzly bear and two monkeys, were spared. Shot with tranquilizer darts, they will likely be taken to zoos, officials said. A monkey remained on the loose Wednesday. In all, 56 animals had escaped.

While the Muskingum County Sheriff's department has come under a great deal of criticism from animal rights activists for having killed so many animals, Sheriff Matt Lutz took pains Wednesday to illustrate the danger of employing non-lethal force in such circumstances.

He said a veterinarian had sought to shoot a fleeing Bengal tiger with a tranquilizer dart, but that the dart had either missed or served only to enrage the 300-pound tiger. "It just went crazy," Lutz said. "We had to put it down."

The sheriff described some of the animals that had been killed as "mature, very big, aggressive" with "high potential" for being dangerous to humans. "We could not have animals running loose in this county," he said. "We could not have that." While there were multiple sightings of wild animals in the farmland area in and around Zanesville, there were no reports that the fleeing creatures attacked people.

On Wednesday, the sheriff's department had shut down roads leading to Thompson's sprawling 73-acre farm where most of the animals were kept in pens and cages at the top of a hill. Neighbors gathered at the point where the road had been blocked, more thrilled about the unusual proceedings occurring in their normally quiet town than frightened.

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The president pounded that message everywhere he went in Virginia and North Carolina, two important states that he won in 2008 and faces a struggle to hold on to in 2012. But as his black bus stopped at a military base and the firehouse in this historically Republican re-

mix of amused spectator and harried husband as he watched his wife hoist 10 pumpkins – including two giant white specimens weighing 70 pounds each – onto a metal cart.

“How many are you going to buy?” the president asked. “You want anything else?”

The first lady demurred, saying it would be challenging

tions.

Now, the president has a meaty, if politically divisive, bill that he is avidly selling. This week, the White House scrapped the town-hall format in favor of traditional campaign-style speeches, where Obama presented his proposals and assailed Republicans for blocking them.

Speaking to 2,400 troops at



President Barack Obama holds a child at a Mast General Store in Boone, N.C., Oct. 17, 2011. Obama is on a three-day bus tour to discuss jobs and the economy.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

gion, Obama seemed to soften his partisan tone just a shade.

Maybe it was the presence of Michelle Obama, who joined the president at Joint Base Langley-Eustis to announce a partnership with private industry aimed at employing 25,000 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and military spouses within two years.

Describing the initiative as a “huge deal,” Michelle Obama said 270 companies – including giants like Procter & Gamble and Tyson Foods, which supply goods to military commissaries and post exchanges on bases – had agreed to hire more veterans.

“It’s huge enough for you to even be involved,” she said dryly, glancing back at her grinning husband.

Afterward, she hopped on the bus to accompany the president to a nearby farmers market in Hampton, where he played a

enough to fit the pumpkins on the bus. Her presence livened up a tour that has had some good moments (the president’s rapturous welcome at a child-care center in Virginia) but also a few awkward ones, including an exchange in which a diner at a restaurant in North Carolina said he was a funeral director and the president replied, “Fantastic! That’s important work.” This was the president’s second bus tour – he tooled through Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois in August – and it was different in several ways that illustrate how much has changed for him since the debt-ceiling impasse of the summer.

On the heels of that experience, Obama had little to sell. In town-hall sessions dressed up with bales of hay or bags of seed corn, he mostly listened to people voice frustration with the gridlock in Washington and seconded their emo-

the base, Obama outlined the proposal to give companies a tax incentive to hire veterans. Unlike other parts of the jobs bill, that provision, which is also likely headed for a Senate vote as a separate measure, has won the support of Republicans.

“When I first proposed this idea to a joint session of Congress, people stood up and applauded on both sides of the aisle,” Obama said to noisy applause. “So when it comes for a vote in the Senate, I expect to get votes from both sides of the aisle.”

The itinerary was also different, and arguably more challenging. In August, Obama’s caravan rolled through Midwestern farming counties he won easily in 2008. This time, he ventured into Republican strongholds like Wilkes County in North Carolina, where Sen. John McCain won close to 70 percent of the vote. □

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Columbus Zoo director emeritus Jack Hanna, right, and Muskingum County Sheriff Matt Lutz speak during a news conference, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011 in Zanesville, Ohio. Sheriff’s deputies shot nearly 50 wild animals, including 18 rare Bengal tigers and 17 lions, in a big-game hunt across the Ohio countryside Wednesday after the owner of an exotic-animal park threw their cages open and committed suicide in what appeared to be one last act of spite against his neighbors and police.

(AP Photo/The Columbus Dispatch, Doral Chenoweth III)

Police kill most animals freed from Ohio preserve

Area schools were closed for the day out of fear that children might be attacked. Thompson, whose preserve had run afoul of the law dozens of times amid questions of whether his animals were being fed regularly and being kept in sanitary conditions, had pleaded guilty to federal charges in April 2010 of possessing eight illegal firearms – five fully automatic weapons and three short-barreled guns that had their serial numbers filed off, according to court documents. He spent one year and one day in prison, said Fred Alverson, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney’s office in Columbus.

When he was arrested, federal agents confiscated more than 100 firearms from the property where they believe he was illegally selling the weapons, accord-

ing to documents filed in federal court in Columbus. Local officials said that Thompson had been a thorn in the side for years, drawing repeated visits from deputies who could do little more than ensure he possessed the proper permits for keeping exotic animals. He did.

“We’ve handled numerous complaints, numerous inspections,” Lutz said, estimating that the department had received 35 complaints about the preserve since 2004 or 2005. “This has been a huge problem for us for a lot of years.”

Quentin Krouskoupf, 38, a longtime friend of Thompson’s, said Wednesday that Thompson adored his animals and that it was inconceivable to him that Thompson had freed them, knowing what would happen. □



In a Tuesday Oct. 18, 2011 photo, a dead lion lays by the fence on Terry Thompson’s farm near Zanesville, Ohio. Police killed dozens of animals Tuesday that escaped from the wild-animal preserve where the owner’s body later was found. Warning that more animals still were on the loose, officials expected up to four school districts to cancel classes as the remaining bears, big cats and other beasts from the Muskingum County Animal Farm were hunted down.

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Falling Flat



Republican presidential candidate, Texas Gov. Rick Perry delivers a keynote address during the Western Republican Leadership Conference, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/Isaac Brekken)

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LAS VEGAS – Rick Perry is betting the (White) House on a flat tax. After weeks of hinting about the contents of his economic-recovery package, the Texas governor and Republican presidential candidate announced Wednesday that he was embracing the concept of a flat tax to give the nation a jolt of economic growth. Perry did not release details of a flat-tax proposal, which for the first time would tax rich and poor Americans at the same income tax rate, but he said he was in favor of "scraping – excuse me, scrapping the three million words of the current tax code." "I want to make the tax code so simple that even (Treasury Secretary) Timothy Geithner can file his taxes on time," the conservative Republican told an enthusiastic audience gathered in a Las Vegas casino theater frequently used by comedienne Joan Rivers. □

Aggressive Republican debate turns off voters

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LAS VEGAS – Mitt Romney came under intensive attack from his rivals for the Republican presidential nomination at a debate here Tuesday night, with a newly assertive Rick Perry leading a sometimes personal barrage against him on conservative consistency, health care policy and even the immigration status of yard workers at his home. It was the most acrimonious debate so far this year. Marked by raised voices, accusations of lying and acerbic and personal asides, it signaled the start of a tough new phase of the primary campaign a little more than two months before the first votes are cast. Romney responded aggressively to the attacks and sometimes testily. Once, after Perry spoke over him, he turned to the debate moderator, Anderson Cooper of CNN, to plead, "Anderson?" President Barack Obama came in for some criticism, but it was almost entirely

overshadowed as the seven Republicans on stage spent most of their time challenging one another. Most of the candidates



Republican presidential candidate former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, left, and Texas Gov. Rick Perry speak during a Republican presidential debate Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo/Chris Carlson)

faced questions on some of their biggest vulnerabilities, including Herman Cain, who spent the debate's opening moments defending his 9-9-9 tax plan against nearly unanimous criticism from his fellow candidates. But more than any other debate, this one was about Romney, a former Massachusetts governor. Previ-

ously, he had managed to parry attacks relatively easily. But he had yet to face a barrage like the one he walked into on Tuesday.

It came at a time when the Romney campaign was seeking to present an air of inevitability that he will be the nominee, while his rivals were seeking to exploit the sense that his support is soft and that Republican primary voters continue to seek an alternative. The most striking difference from the last several de-

bates was the performance of Perry, the governor of Texas, whose candidacy has floundered after a series of unsteady debate appearances. He displayed a much more combative style, if at times appearing too heated and occasionally drawing jeers from some in the Republican audience. Striding onto the stage with an air of confidence, Perry seemed to relish challenging Romney from his opening statement. He called himself "an authentic conservative – not a conservative of convenience," a swipe at Romney, who has been criticized by some conservatives for changing positions on issues like abortion. It was the fifth time since Labor Day that the Republican candidates appeared together on stage. The only one of the leading candidates not to participate was former Gov. Jon Huntsman of Utah, who opted out in solidarity with New Hampshire Republicans who are angry that Nevada moved its caucuses up in the voting schedule, to Jan. 14. □

9-9-9 may be dodgy, but it fills GOP vacuum

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PHOENIX

If Herman Cain achieves nothing else, he has disproved the old maxim, "Democrats fall in love, and Republicans fall in line."

The next six months may well be a tedious slog toward the inevitable coronation of Mitt Romney as the Republican presidential nominee. But on Monday

night, most of the 1,200 conservatives gathered at a Republican Party fundraiser that Cain headlined were as smitten with the former pizza magnate, and new front-runner, as the dreamiest liberal ever was with Howard Dean or Barack Obama. Cain is reveling in his unexpected elevation. He interrupted his keynote

speech so that an aide could scramble onto the stage and deliver a slip of paper with the latest Rasmussen poll results, which he then proudly shared with the audience: They show him leading Barack Obama (narrowly) in a head-to-head matchup. He is the only candidate who can boast this distinction, a fact he also pointed

out to the crowd. Beyond the blustery showmanship, the basis of Cain's appeal is his 9-9-9 plan to replace most of the US tax code. Most economists on the right and left seem to agree that 9-9-9 is unworkable. Liberals don't like how it tilts the burden of taxation toward the poor and middle class, while easing it for the rich. □

Rush to drill for gas creates mortgage conflicts

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As natural gas drilling has spread, energy industry representatives have sat down at kitchen tables in states like Texas, Pennsylvania and New York to offer homeowners leases that give companies the right to drill on their land.

And over the past 10 years, as natural gas has become increasingly important to the nation's energy future, Americans have signed more than 1 million of these leases.

But bankers and real estate executives are starting to pay closer attention to the fine print and are raising provocative questions, such as: What happens if they lend money for a piece of land that ends up storing the equivalent of an Olympic-size swimming pool filled with toxic wastewater from drilling?

Fearful of just such a possibility, some banks have become reluctant to grant mortgages on properties leased for gas drilling. At least eight local or national banks do not typically issue mortgages on such properties, lenders say.

A credit union in upstate New York has started requiring gas companies to promise to pay for any damage caused by drilling that may lead to devaluation of its mortgaged prop-

erties. Another will make home loans only to people who expressly agree not to sign a gas lease as long as they hold the mortgage.

More generally, bankers are concerned because many leases allow drillers to operate in ways that violate rules in landowners' mortgages. These rules also require homeowners to get permission from their mortgage banker before they sign a lease – a fact that most landowners do not know.

Last year, Jack and Carol Pyhtila spent several weeks working to refinance the mortgage on their roughly 30 acres in Tompkins County, N.Y. But when they arrived to sign the mortgage, the lender, Visions Federal Credit Union, had taken a closer look at the lease on their land and revoked its offer, said Jack Pyhtila, 72.

"They told us there was not enough information yet to know how the lease would affect the property value and they were not sure if it followed the mortgage rules," he said.

Another bank agreed to refinance their loan several months later.

Lenders predict that the conflicts between leases and mortgage rules are not likely to cause foreclosures, nor have they resulted in broad litigation or legislation. But many of the

leases do constitute "technical defaults" on the mortgages, lenders say, and will likely result in new rules from local banks and additional hurdles to getting a home loan or refinancing a mortgage.

Some real estate agents

where, will not mortgage properties with gas leases, which, in turn, limits the number of buyers willing and able to buy your property," wrote Linda Hirvonen, an agent in Ithaca, N.Y., in a newsletter last month.

Banks establish rules for

dards so that they can sell them to institutions like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which bundle and sell these mortgages to investors.

"In terms of litigation, there is a real potential for a domino effect here if lenders at each step of the way



Marie McRae, who says she was not aware she needed her lender's permission to sign a gas lease, at home on her farm in Freeville, N.Y., Sept. 30, 2011. For the past 10 years, as natural gas drilling has spread across the country, Americans have signed more than a million leases allowing companies the right to drill on their land, but fearful of toxic wastewater and other threats, some banks have become reluctant to grant mortgages on properties leased for gas drilling.

(Heather Ainsworth/The New York Times)

have started raising red flags.

"When you decide to sell your house you may find it difficult to do so because many banks, here and else-

how mortgaged properties can be used, to help ensure that they will hold their value. Banks also need to guarantee that their mortgages meet certain stan-

made guarantees that are invalid," said Greg May, vice president of residential mortgage lending at Tompkins Trust Co., headquartered in Ithaca. □

Despite new measures, football collisions still kill



A sign in front of the fire station offers a supportive message for students of John C. Birdleough High School, where Ridge Barden, a 16-year-old defensive tackle, who died from a brain injury at a football game, attended school, in Phoenix, N.Y., Oct. 14, 2011. According to the National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research, Barden was the 13th high school player to die from a brain injury sustained on the football field since 2005 and the third this year.

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JORGE CASTILLO

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PHOENIX, N.Y. — Football coaches and school administrators at John C. Birdleough High School congregated in a small room off the library Monday, huddling around a computer for a most painful and unusual review of game video. They examined every play that one student was involved in, assuming the role of medical examiners. They were trying to discern which collision of the hundreds throughout the course of Friday night's game at Homer High School might have caused Ridge Barden, a 16-year-

old defensive tackle, to fall to the turf in the third quarter and die within a couple of hours. The coroner attributed Barden's death to subdural hematoma, or bleeding on the brain.

"There's nothing here; there's still nothing there; there's nothing there; there's nothing there — and now he's laying on his stomach," Jeff Charles, the head coach, said while watching the sequence frame by frame.

As those who play and coach the sport learn new ways to improve safety — through training, medical response and equipment — sometimes they are left to

contemplate this: Brains remain vulnerable, and even the most ordinary collisions on the football field can kill. Teenagers are especially susceptible to having multiple hits to the head result in brain bleeds and massive swelling, largely because the brain tissue has not yet fully developed.

According to the National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research, Barden was the 13th high school player to die from a brain injury sustained on a football field since 2005 and the third this year. Including college and youth football players, there have been 18 fatalities since 2005. □

Take advantage of tax breaks now, experts say



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In Washington's war of words over economic and tax policy, Republicans and Democrats are aiming increasingly hostile barbs at each other that are leaving investors and business owners uncertain, even confused, about what tax and business strategies to pursue, according to financial advisers.

At the center of the politicians' disagreement is how to reduce the \$1.3 trillion federal budget deficit. President Barack Obama has called for a combination of spending cuts and tax increases for the wealthiest Americans, but Republican leaders in Congress adamantly oppose any tax increase, insisting on spending cuts alone. Because of this standoff, experts advise taking advantage of a variety of available tax breaks and incentives in the year's remaining weeks.

Mitchell A. Drossman, national director of wealth planning strategies at U.S. Trust in New York, said, "Plan for what we know, not for what we think might happen." Under legislation enacted last December, the Bush-era tax cuts were extended for all Americans through 2012 with a top marginal rate for individuals of 35 percent. Long-term capital gains and most dividends are taxable at 15 percent, or not at all for people in the two lowest brackets on ordinary income, 10 percent and 15 percent.

In 2013, the top rates are to revert to the pretax-cut levels of 36 percent and

39.6 percent for single filers with taxable income of more than \$200,000, and for joint filers with more than \$250,000. Long-term capital gains rates are to go to 20 percent, and a 3.8 percent Medicare tax on investment income is to begin. Conceivably the law could change for 2012, and many expect changes to be enacted for 2013, perhaps in the lame-duck session after the 2012 election, but no one interviewed forecast changes for this year.

Sidney Kess, a CPA and tax lawyer at Kostelanetz & Fink in New York, suggested accelerating income into 2011 if possible, perhaps requesting that a bonus be paid in December instead of January 2012. Shareholders, considering their investment goals as well as tax consequences, may want to make some trades before year-end, he said. Up to \$3,000 of net capital losses can be deducted from ordinary income. Owners of a closely held corporation may want to pay dividends this year, and some may be able to give bonuses in corporate stock before year-end to employees, including themselves, that will enjoy a 100 percent exclusion from capital gains tax.

People considering improving their homes to make them energy-efficient may be able to take advantage of federal and state tax credits, which reduce taxes dollar for dollar, he said, and those saving for children's educations should maximize contributions for 529 plans. □

Board resists 4 towers in New York's Washington Heights



Henry Wollman, chief executive of the developer Quadriad Realty Partners, near the site the company proposed to build an apartment complex in the Washington Heights neighborhood, in New York, Oct. 13, 2011. The four proposed towers, much taller and more expensive than an existing housing complex, have drawn criticism from some residents as likely to contribute to gentrification that is eroding the neighborhood's Dominican community.

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NEW YORK — Local residents call the neighborhood The Heights because of its steep terrain and riverside bluffs, not because it has vertigo-inducing buildings. So a developer's plan to build four apartment towers ranging from 23 to 39 stories tall has set off alarms in Washington Heights, where buildings typically run six to 10 stories. Some residents have protested that the proposed towers, with a total of more than 800 apartments, would darken the sky and introduce more residents than the area's schools and subways could accommodate.

"It looks like a Stalinist-era project — gigantic towers sitting atop a fairly sedate neighborhood," said one opponent, Vadim Moldovan, an associate professor of social work at York College who has lived in the neighborhood for 30 years. "It would dwarf the landscape and blot out the sun." The proposed complex has also aggravated persistent worries that progressive gentrification in Washington Heights is eroding the neighborhood's role as the heart of the nation's Dominican community, most of whose members are working class and cannot afford the rents the planned apartments will

carry or those that nearby landlords might imitate.

Last month, the local community board unanimously rejected a proposal for the four towers, which would have required a zoning change by the city, and it urged the developer, Quadriad Realty Partners, to return with a scaled-down blueprint for shorter buildings at the site, at Broadway and 190th Street. The board also recommended that the buildings be designed for the larger families characteristic of Washington Heights and that half the apartments — not 30 percent, as the developer had proposed

— be reserved for moderate- and middle-income renters, whom the board defined as earning \$21,807 to \$65,421 annually.

The developer had defined middle income at a much higher level, with a cap of roughly \$108,000.

Despite the community board's opposition, the developer said it planned to apply to the city's Planning Commission for a zoning modification in the next few weeks. But if the change is not granted the firm says it will then build two stouter, market-rate buildings — 28 and 24 stories tall, which it has the legal right to do under existing zoning.

A neighborhood known during the 1990s for its epidemic of crack cocaine and the resulting gunplay has seen an influx of more moneyed newcomers drawn by streets that mingle corner papaya stands with newer, more upscale shops and restaurants.

Quadriad's chief executive, Henry Wollman, argued that unless he could rent a majority of the apartments to such well-heeled tenants he could not afford to offer less expensive apartments. "We're taking advantage of gentrification to some degree to allow, through market rates, for the cost subsidization of the middle income units," he said in an interview. □



Pedestrians walk by the site where the developer Quadriad Realty Partners proposed to build an apartment complex in the Washington Heights neighborhood, in New York, Oct. 13, 2011. The four proposed apartment towers, much taller and more expensive than an existing housing complex, have drawn criticism from some residents as likely to contribute to gentrification that is eroding the neighborhood's Dominican community.

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As city plants trees, some say a million is too many

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NEW YORK — In a city of steel and concrete, a single tree offers a burst of green, a cooling canopy and an antidote for frayed nerves. It seems as if nobody is against one tree. But try planting 1 million of them. That is what New York City has been aiming to do, and as Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg installed the 500,000th tree in St. Nicholas Park in Manhattan on Tuesday — reaching the halfway point in the Million Trees campaign — officials extolled the role of trees in making the city more sustainable. Trees help fight asthma, reduce storm water runoff, absorb carbon dioxide and lower ambient temperatures.

But as callery pears, non-



Dwayne Spencer, left, and Mike Feder, New York City parks employees, place saplings in Marine Park, in New York. Halfway through the city's Million Trees campaign, even supporters worry about dead wood and other future hazards if maintenance money is lacking.

(Benjamin Norman/The New York Times)

for the trees once they are planted. They cite instances of premature deaths, as well as a pruning backlog, made worse by recent budget cuts. The regular pruning cycle of street trees is now once every 15 years to 20 years, down from once every seven years.

"I'm all about trees — trust me," said Jimmy Van Bramer, a city councilman who represents western Queens. "But we're not going to get what we want unless we commit to the ongoing maintenance of these trees as they grow older. These are tough economic times, but more trees means more maintenance and pruning. It's got to mean that." Of course, many residents have embraced a leafier streetscape. And most of the trees planted under the Million Trees program, which began in 2007, are too small to have caused problems — their roots and boughs have not yet reached the tentacle stage. But at least some of the newly planted trees have met untimely deaths. Efforts to plant trees along a narrow median on 11th Street in the Long Island City section of Mr. Van Bramer's district, for example, have failed. Tom Paino, an architect whose house overlooks the median, said that landscapers planted the trees too late in the spring and that the root balls were not sufficiently submerged. Recently, workers chopped down the dead trees, leaving behind stumps.

"As soon as they put them in, I thought, 'They're not going to make it,'" he said. "It's a very frustrating experience."

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ey locusts and white pines grow in all five boroughs — on sidewalks, along medians and in parks — so, too, have New Yorkers' grumblings. Residents worry that the saplings will eventually lead to buckling sidewalks, dangling limbs, excessive shade and leaf litter, among other things. Three of the top five categories of parks-related calls to 311, the city's help line, involved complaints about trees. One Queens homeowner begged the city not to plant a tree in front of her house by arguing that her dog would get confused by the introduction of a new smell; she got a tree anyway.

Even elected officials who profess a love of trees say they fear that the city may not be putting the necessary resources into caring

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Norman Mailer's estate sued over apartment's sale

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NEW YORK — Norman Mailer's Brooklyn apartment

has seen its share of fighting.

Mailer retired there after his notorious altercations



The interior and exterior of Norman Mailer's apartment, the renovation work to add the tri-level crow's nest is cited in a suit over its sale, in New York. A man is suing to get out of a purchase of the apartment because he says Norman Mailer's estate has not backed up assurances that unusual renovations met legal requirements.

(Marilynn K. Yee/The New York Times)

with other literary heavyweights, and it was there that he stabbed one of his many wives, Adele, with a penknife in a drunken rage. Mailer died in 2007, his reputation as both a giant of American letters and a verbal pugilist secure.

But even in death, the fighting continues, this time over the apartment itself. Following the death of Mailer's sixth and last wife, Norris Church, the author's family decided to put the top-floor, walk-up apartment on the market. In April, they listed it for \$2.5 million.

In July, Wesley Golby, a hedge fund manager, signed a contract to purchase the apartment for \$2.08 million, and he put down a deposit of \$208,750. For Golby, the appeal was not just the apartment's sweeping views of the Manhattan skyline and its storied history, but also the

highly unusual layout that resulted from a renovation performed in the early 1960s, according to Golby's lawyer, William Fried.

Mailer, seeking to conquer a lifelong fear of heights, essentially had the roof lifted up to create a tri-level crow's nest of sorts. A series of ladders lead up several flights, with landings and small rooms resembling tiny ship galleys on each level. But after Golby signed the contract, he contends, the Mailer estate failed to provide evidence to back up assurances that the work had been done legally and in accordance with zoning laws and building codes. He wants to be released from his contract and get his deposit back, according to a civil complaint to be filed in State Supreme Court in Brooklyn on Wednesday.

"This is not about money," Fried said. "Wes loved the

apartment. His problem is he loved that apartment as it is and he does not want to go in and find out he can't have the apartment he wants."

The Corcoran Group, which had the listing for the apartment and is named in the complaint, said it had not been notified about the lawsuit and would not comment on pending litigation.

Eric D. Sherman, a lawyer representing the Mailer estate, said in a statement that his client "has complied fully with the terms of the underlying contract of sale and has made no misrepresentations whatsoever." "This is simply a case of buyer's remorse," Sherman said. A search of the property records for the building on the Buildings Department's website shows that there was an approved alteration to the structure in 1960. □



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Top US delegation to enlist Pakistan's help

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Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)

— CIA chief David Petraeus will be among an army of high-level U.S. officials with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton when she arrives in Islamabad on Thursday to ramp up pressure on Pakistan to do more to stop militant infiltration across the border into Afghanistan, several U.S. officials in Washington and the region told The Associated Press.

In a muscular show of diplomatic force, the U.S. dispatched most of its senior national security leaders to Pakistan with what several officials described as a combined message of support and pressure.

Petraeus and the nation's top military official, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey, were joining Clinton in Pakistan on Thursday, several officials in the region and in Washington said. Other U.S. officials en route included the State Department's Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Marc Grossman, and Doug Lute of the National Security Council. The officials spoke on con-



U.S. Marine Gen. John Allen, top NATO Commander in Afghanistan, gestures during an interview with The Associated Press in Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011. The top NATO commander in Afghanistan says the international coalition has unleashed a new offensive against one of the country's most lethal militant networks and will ramp up operations next year along the Pakistan border to better secure the Afghan capital before the U.S. drawdown gathers steam.

dition of anonymity because they were not publicly authorized to speak about the sensitive trip. The huge contingent is meant to display unity among the various U.S. agencies with a hand and an interest in Pakistan, including the CIA,

the military and the State Department. The unified message is particularly important now, current and former U.S. officials said, because of the rising threat from the Haqqani militant network operating on both sides of the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

The meetings, which neither government has announced because of security concerns, are expected to focus on the recurrent U.S. demand that Pakistan launch its own offensive against Haqqani militants.

For more than three de-

cades the Haqqani network, led by the elderly Jalaluddin Haqqani, has maintained a headquarters in Pakistan's Miran Shah district of North Waziristan.

The United States has had some recent successes killing at least two top Haqqani commanders in drone attacks.

The U.S. and NATO consider the Taliban affiliate to be the single greatest enemy in Afghanistan, and accuse Pakistan of providing the group safe havens. There are also recent allegations that Pakistan has sent rocket fire into Afghanistan to provide cover for insurgents crossing the border.

Pakistan has denied aiding the Haqqanis, and an increasingly angry Pakistani military has refused to carry out an offensive in the North Waziristan tribal region, saying it would unleash a tribal-wide war that Pakistan could not contain.

According to three senior U.S. officials in Washington and elsewhere, the broader message for the meeting is that the U.S. still wants to have a strategic relationship with Pakistan, and officials believe that it is critical enough to put together this session. □

French First Lady gives birth to baby girl

ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy gave birth to a baby girl on Wednesday night — the first infant born to a sitting president of modern-day France, the French media reported. President Nicolas Sarkozy, finishing up a meeting in Frankfurt on the euro debt crisis, was absent when the couple's first child was born shortly before 8 p.m. (1800 GMT), according to BFM TV. He reportedly arrived at the small, private Muette Clinic about 11 p.m. (0900 GMT) — his third trip Wednesday to the facility. Europe 1 radio said the birth "went well" for the 43-year-old mother, a singer and former supermodel. She entered the medical facility in western Paris in the



France's President Nicolas Sarkozy and his wife Carla Bruni-Sarkozy at the Elysee Palace in Paris. French media reports Wednesday Oct 19 2011 say first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy has given birth to a baby girl — the first infant born to a sitting president in modern-day France. President Nicolas Sarkozy was returning from a meeting in Frankfurt on the euro debt crisis when the child was born around 8 p.m. (1800 GMT) on Wednesday, according to a BFM report.

(AP Photo/Michel Euler, File)

morning accompanied by Sarkozy, according to the reports. There was no official confirmation of the birth. The presidential entourage reiterated earlier Wednesday that no birth announcement would be forthcoming.

The couple had been coy about the impending birth from the start, with measured doses of information. "It's obviously a happy event," Nadine Morano, a junior minister and friend of the president, told BFM, clearly reacting to the news reports. Sarkozy was "very attentive, full of attention toward Carlo" when he spoke with her by phone on Tuesday during a flight with the minister to Nice, she said. The couple mar-

ried in February 2008, less than a year after Sarkozy took office and less than four months after his divorce from second wife Cecilia Ciganer-Albeniz. The Italian-born first lady has a 10-year-old son from a previous relationship and the president has three sons from his two previous marriages — and is a grandfather since January. Sarkozy was seen entering the medical clinic in late afternoon, then leaving about 30 minutes later — before rushing off to Frankfurt for a meeting on the euro debt crisis ahead of a European summit on Sunday. With a scheduled visit Thursday morning to Normandy, Sarkozy was taking a gamble. It was not immediately clear whether he would cancel his visit to Normandy. □

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Protest reaches Bolivia's capital

CARLOS VALDEZ
Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — More than 1,000 Indians opposing a jungle highway that they say will spoil their lands in Bolivia's Amazon drew cheers Wednesday when they paraded into the world's highest capital after a 63-day protest march.

Their trek, including a failed attempt by baton-swinging police to break up the march two weeks ago, has won widespread sympathy and fueled charges that leftist President Evo Morales discriminates against Bolivia's Amazon-based indigenous groups in favor of the highland Indians who dominate his government and the National Assembly.

"He doesn't care about his brothers from the lowlands," said Fernando Najera, a 35-year-old Siriono Indian with tattered sandals who met the protesters who walked to La Paz from the Isiboro-Secure nature preserve that would be crossed by the proposed highway. Najera's sentiments are shared by many lowlands Indians who believe this poor Andean nation's first indigenous president considers them second-class citizens and favors his own people, the Aymara, and the other highland group, the Quechua.

But after the march ended at a plaza in central La Paz, march leader Fernando Vargas and Indian legislator Pedro Nuni said the intent was not to topple Morales but to find a solution to their complaints. □

Thousands in Greece protest new austerity bill

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ATHENS, Greece — By now, it almost feels like a ritual: a strike and large demonstration disrupted by skirmishes and tear gas ahead of a parliamentary vote on new austerity measures that Greece needs to take to qualify for the next installment of aid the country needs to fend off default.

But what was different Wednesday, the first day of a two-day general strike before Parliament voted in the evening to approve new austerity measures, was the scale of the protest — tens of thousands of people — and the range of the demonstrators.

Although the demonstration was organized by leading labor unions, everyone from trash collectors, teachers, retired army officers, lawyers and even judges walked off the job to protest the government-imposed wage cuts and tax increases that they say are squeezing the debt-ridden country into penury. "There's no precedent for this," said Anastasia Dotsi, 70, a retired bank worker who said anger had driven her out to protest.

After two years of austerity measures, "We have been crushed as a people," she said.

She said her son and daughter, who both work in the private sector, had not been paid in months and were struggling to pay their mortgages and support their families.

"I have never been a left-



A protester holding a Greek flag chants anti-austerity slogans as he stands in front of Greek riot police officers protecting the Greek parliament during clashes with protesters in central Athens, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011. The writing on the flag reads in Greek: 'At all costs, Justice-Bread-Education'. Greek anger over new austerity measures and layoffs erupted into violence Wednesday, as demonstrators hurled chunks of marble and gasoline bombs and riot police responded with tear gas and stun grenades that echoed across Athens' main square.

(AP Photo/Leferis Pitarakis)

ist, I voted for Pasok" — the Socialist party of Prime Minister George Papandreou — "I consider myself a middle-class person," she said. "But they've pushed us to become extremists."

On Wednesday evening, as garbage fires smoldered in the streets, the Greek Parliament approved the new package of austerity measures — and secured crucial rescue financing — with all 154 governing party legislators in Greece's 300-seat Parliament voting in favor.

The controversial bill includes cuts in wages and pensions as well as thousands of layoffs in the public sector — once a political third rail in Greece's welfare state. □

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After prisoner exchange, moving ahead and looking back

STEPHEN FARRELL

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KHAN YUNIS, Gaza Strip—He was only one of the 477 Palestinian prisoners released by Israel in exchange for a single captive Israeli soldier. But as the welcoming celebrations wound down after the swap, many men came to a refugee camp here to pay him their highest respects.

The former prisoner, Yehya Sinwar, 49, is the most senior of the Hamas members freed into Gaza in the deal, and he came home to a world he could not possibly have imagined during his long incarceration. As a young guerrilla fighter, he had collected knives and guns. But as he was driven from the Egyptian border to Gaza City on Tuesday, he saw thousands of Hamas fighters lining the highway, carrying automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades and driving pick-up trucks mounted with heavy machine guns.

It was a far greater display of lethal military force, more akin to Libya than Gaza, than what passed for Hamas' arsenal when Sinwar co-founded the Islamist organization's security branch nearly a quarter-century ago. His job, which included punishing "morality" offenders and killing collaborators with Israel, earned him four life sentences in Israeli prison for attempted murder and



Members of Hamas security stand guard in Gaza City as people gather to celebrate the release of Palestinian prisoners. Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier held for more than five years by Hamas, was traded on Tuesday for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails in an exchange that could shake up regional politics.

(Lynsey Addario/The New York Times)

causing grievous bodily harm through sabotage. Sinwar's status as a prison leader was apparent within hours of his release on Tuesday; he was invited to give a speech on behalf of the prisoners from a specially built stage in Gaza City, adorned by a large poster depicting fighters of the Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, blowing up tanks and carrying away Gilad Shalit, the Israeli soldier who was released in the prisoner exchange, who had been captured during a 2006 raid. In his speech, Sinwar

highlighted the lengthy period that many of the prisoners had been away, telling the crowd: "We left you one day bleeding under the flames of the occupation in the early years of the first intifada." In his case that was early 1988, when Hamas was only one month old. The question is whether he and his fellow prisoners, many of them military-wing hard-liners, will now argue for Hamas to pursue the course of intifada and bombs, or choose a new direction for a new era. Sitting in a welcoming tent in his hometown of Khan

Yunis, Sinwar was guarded about what role he would have in Hamas outside prison, saying only: "It is early. I was away for about quarter of a century and went out with the world around me changed. I need to relax and take my breath and know the situation around me, and after that I will decide." He said that like many he had concluded from the Shalit affair that the capture of Israeli soldiers was, after years of failed negotiations, the proven tactic for freeing Palestinians incarcerated by Israel.

"The issue of prisoners can only be resolved in this way," he said between breaks in receiving well-wishers. "For the prisoner, capturing an Israeli soldier is the best news in the universe, because he knows that a glimmer of hope has been opened for him." He said his time in jail was spent studying his enemy and, in the latter stages, taking part in the negotiations for the prisoner exchange.

"They wanted the prison to be a grave for us. A mill to grind our will, determination and bodies," he said. "But thank God, with our belief in our cause we turned the prison into sanctuaries of worship and to academies for study. We studied about them a lot. I studied the history of the Jewish people and you can say I am a specialist in the Jewish people's history, more than many of them." Elsewhere in Gaza City on Wednesday, Hamas was beginning the process of reintegration for the other Gaza returnees and prisoners expelled from the West Bank and Jerusalem.

At the beachside Commodore Hotel, Hamas functionaries handed out \$2,000 to each of the assembled former prisoners, along with a Nokia X3 cell phone, to the evident confusion of many of the long-term inmates who had to be shown how to use it. □

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Curbside at school turns red carpet



Jewelry designer Paige Novick at the Village's Little Red School House in New York. A mom dropping off her child in Prada fur and boots is far more common these days, despite the faltering economy.

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VERONIQUE HYLAND

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NEW YORK — In the West Village, a stunningly decked-out woman is nothing unusual. But Rose Cameron still managed to turn heads in the neighborhood recently, with her long black hair and full-length fur coat. Perhaps it was because she wasn't leaving Bar Pitti at midnight, but exiting the Little Red School House after dropping off her child. The time: 8:30 a.m.

As New Yorkers descended blearily into the subway, Cameron rattled off her fashion credits with the practiced air of a star on the red carpet. The coat was Prada. Her boots, too. "And the dress was, like, \$40," she squealed. Is her high-low mix a representative look for the neighborhood?

"I am the wrong person to ask," said Cameron, who works in marketing. "I'm not the typical mom."



Chrissie Erph walks her daughters to school in New York.

(Erin Baiano/The New York Times)

But in fact Cameron and her ilk are becoming, if not exactly the norm, far more common despite the faltering economy. The crowd surrounding the Sixth Avenue entrance of her daughter's school was thick with Rag & Bone jackets, Goyard bags, impractical footwear and even the ultimate fashion-insider comfort item: a sky-blue

J'aime Rodarte sweatshirt. The sartorial MO, as characterized by another Little Red Schoolhouse parent, Sophie Knight, is "casual, but in a calculated way." Even the most ripped-up pair of jeans, Knight said, might have set their owner back \$400. Five miles or so north, the scene at drop-off is quite different. The area between Central Park and Lexington Avenue in the '90s features a cluster of private schools including Spence, Nightingale-Bamford, Dalton, the 92nd Street Y preschool and Convent of the Sacred Heart. Outside many of the schools' buildings, parents wait in line to enter with their children, a configuration that lends itself to label-gazing. Celine totes and Carolina Herrera jackets abound, and the looks are classic: shirtdresses with simple ballet flats, for example.

"A lot of moms are talking about the red jeans," said Cheryl Hoch, a mother in a snappy trench coat pushing a stroller down 93rd Street on a crisp fall morning, referring to this season's

one without red bottoms on your shoes." Most weekday mornings at Yura, a coffee shop on Madison Avenue and 92nd Street, a largely female crowd tends to gather inside or sprawl on the benches outdoors, strollers parked alongside. Lillian Holtzclaw Stern, a sales associate at Sotheby's Realty, was wearing a linen blazer and chatting with her friend Olivia Ge-

rard, who was more casually dressed in a nylon jacket. Gerard's child attends a school where uniforms are mandatory. "You feel like you should be a little more respectful, in a funny way," Gerard said of how this affects her own outfit choices. "You should look a little cleaner, as a parent. But then, after a while, you're like, 'Oh, my God, I just woke up.'" □

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British police clash with 'travelers' in farm eviction



A demonstrator near a burning barricade aimed to keep police out at the Dale Farm encampment near the town of Basildon, England, Oct. 19, 2011. After a decade-long legal battle, authorities began clearing the encampment east of London Wednesday, and supporters of the 400 residents hurled bricks and debris as some 50 riot police officers pushed through makeshift barricades. (Andrew Testa/The New York Times)

ALAN COWELL

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LONDON – After a long and bitter legal battle that has tested Britain's reputation for tolerance, the authorities began clearing an encampment east of London on Wednesday, two days after the Court of Appeal upheld a ruling that occupation by its owners – so-called travelers – was unlawful.

Supporters of the 400 residents hurled bricks and debris as some 50 riot police officers pushed through makeshift barricades at the site, Dale Farm, near the town of Basildon in Essex County, making at least seven arrests and using an electric stun gun to subdue

a protester. The authorities had already cut electricity supplies to the site.

Basildon authorities have been trying to clear the site for a decade, arguing that the 49 plots on the 6-acre Dale Farm are located in a so-called green belt that is supposed to be kept as open countryside and is subject to strict zoning laws.

The evictions were the latest chapter of what has become a test case to define the status of the travelers, who have lived across Britain as itinerants and have begun seeking to claim residential rights. Many of those who have been living in Dale Farm speak with Irish accents

and are descendants of itinerants who arrived in England a half century ago and have traveled around Essex County since.

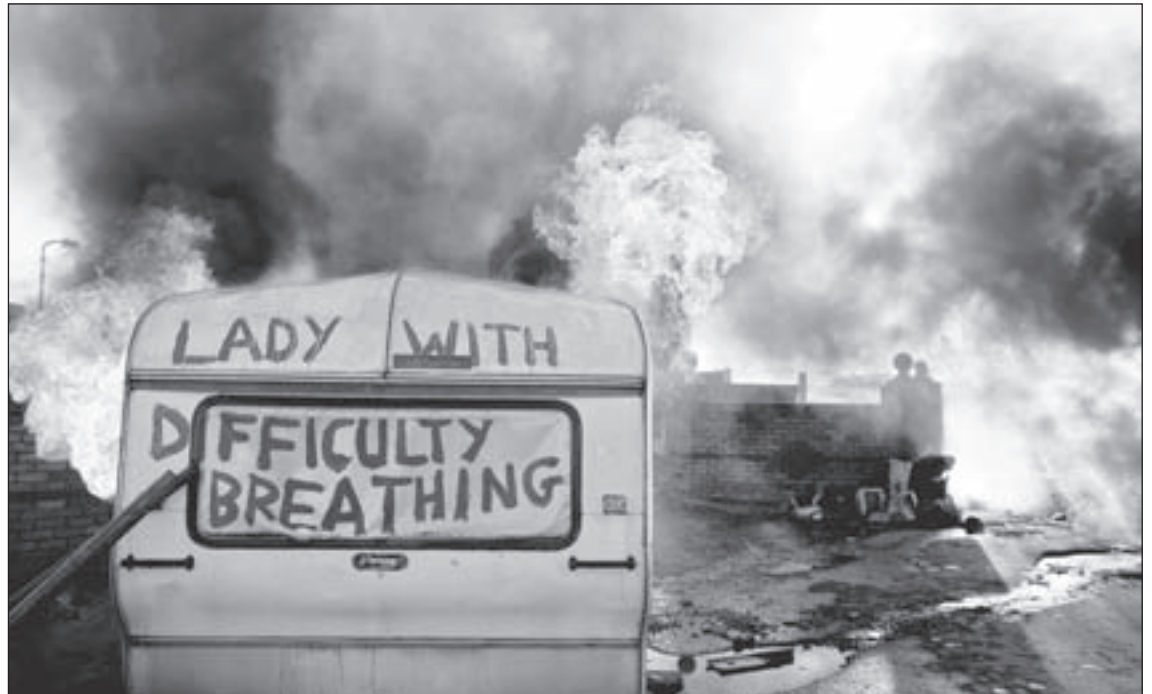
Over time they have become more settled, adopting a more enduring presence in their trailers at Dale Farm. Many residents of the surrounding area have been pressing for the travelers' removal for several years.

Earlier this month, the authorities won a final legal ruling from a High Court judge that the trailers and their concrete stands could be cleared while walls, fences and gates could remain. Two days ago, the

ers from the scaffolding. According to Britain's Press Association news agency, one resident, Nora Egan, said she was struck by a baton as she told the police they were not entitled to break down fences. Margaret Sheridan, another resident, also claimed she was injured. The Press Association reported.

"They're rough and there is no reasoning with them," she was quoted as saying of the police.

Robert Home, a professor of land management at Anglia Ruskin University, said that the travelers would normally be on the



A mobile home burns as part of a barricade to keep police out of the Dale Farm encampment near the town of Basildon, England, Oct. 19, 2011. (Andrew Testa/The New York Times)



Residents of the Dale Farm encampment stand on the roof of a home in the distance as a mobile home burns, near the town of Basildon, England, Oct. 19, 2011. (Andrew Testa/The New York Times)

Court of Appeal rejected a final legal attempt to prevent the eviction.

The move on the site began at first light Wednesday, witnesses said, when the police officers in riot gear broke down a rear fence allowing entry to bailiffs charged with evicting those residents who had not already left.

Supporters of the travelers, some wearing ski masks and hoods, had climbed up into rickety scaffolding, refusing to descend, while others chained themselves together, witnesses said. In one area of the farm, a vehicle had been set on fire. By midafternoon, the confrontation had settled into an uneasy standoff with officers trying to pry protest-

road between April and October and use a more permanent site over the winter months. But many had remained at Dale Farm for a longer period to counter the threat of eviction, he said in a telephone interview.

"This is the time of the year when this group would expect to stay put," he said. It was not immediately clear where the travelers could go after their eviction and there was still some resistance among them and their sympathizers to the move, Home said. Three women had chained themselves by their necks to a gate so that they would hang if the gate were forced open, he said. □



Aruba partners with New America Foundation

PM Eman and NAF share belief in “smart growth” and sustainability

ORANJESTAD – Prime Minister Eman and Patrick Doherty, the Director of the Smart Strategy Initiative of the prestigious New America Foundation, signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Washington, DC on Monday October 17 to pursue a national strategy for promoting sustainability in Aruba. Aruba and the New America Foundation, along with other government partners such as the largest research institute from the Netherlands, TNO, will design and implement a national sustainability prosperity strategy that will be broad in scope and include social, economic and energy policies. The key goal is to promote “smart growth” in Aruba that will increase the quality of life for Arubans as well as make Aruba more enjoyable for its many visitors. The plan will focus on integrating renewable energy, smart growth and new approaches to sustainable tourism. According to Patrick Doherty, “Aruba has great potential to be a leader among Island nations as they make the transition to green, healthy and prosperous islander communities that can support a more diverse economy while re-branding Aruba as one of the leading destinations for sustainable tourism.” The Foundation sees Aruba as an innovative



and unique partner for developing and implementing such a visionary plan and demonstrating its effectiveness on an Island wide basis as a model for other countries. The New America Foundation has recognized that Aruba, under the leadership of Prime Minister Eman, already has begun the transition to smart growth with the shift to wind energy, the construction of urban renewal projects, and the creation of a renewable energy institute as well as further carbon reductions planned in the energy and water sectors. Patrick Doherty visited

Aruba recently and was highly impressed with the progress the Government of Aruba is making in such a short time to implement its projects in the area of smart growth. He was pleased to see Aruba moving ahead on the same lines of neighborhood renewal and transformation to renewable energy that the NAF has been advocating in the United States. Doherty hopes to build on Aruba's current plans by consulting widely with stakeholders in Aruba to integrate the development plans to achieve what he calls “broad-spectrum sustainability.” Such an approach can yield last-

ing benefits while also lowering costs to the government in the long term by reducing health care costs and providing greater stability and competitiveness to Aruba's tourism product. According to Prime Minister Eman, “A strategy of smart growth can produce benefits and savings that are not traditionally considered when reviewing the performance of government, but they are important and must be taken into account over the long view.” The New America Foundation is one of the world's leading nonpartisan public policy institutes dedicated to devel-

oping a grad strategy capable of forging a prosperous, secure and sustainable future for the global community of nations. The Chairman of the Board of the New America Foundation is Eric Schmidt, Executive Chairman of Google, Inc. Prime Minister Eman stated, “We are pleased that a prestigious group such as the New American Foundation has seen the value in our vision for a better, strong and more sustainable Aruba, and wishes to work with us to make our plans even more effective so that the next generation of Arubans can live even better than the last.” □

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Locally, the Westin Resort and Casino, Aruba is offering SuperFood breaks for associates in meetings, and is offering SuperFood options in the associate's cafeteria. Recently, while celebrating Housekeeping Appreciation Week, the resort provided a three-course plated lunch for the housekeeping associates. The culinary team put to-



gether a wonderful menu for them incorporating various SuperFoods.

While reading a health magazine, Julio Restrepo, a chef at the resort, discovered that the local guava fruit is considered a SuperFood. This inspired Julio to create a refreshing and healthy dessert with guava as the main ingredient, which was a big hit with the housekeeping associates. His recipe is as follows:

*Cut the top third of the guava fruit and save the top

*Scoop out the insides

*Cut a thin slice off the bottom of the fruit to prevent it from rolling

*Sauté the inside of the fruit with a teaspoon of butter and a teaspoon of honey for 15 seconds

*Fill the empty guava fruit cup 1/3 full with low fat yogurt *Top off the guava fruit cup with the sautéed fruit, and cover with the previously cut top, and garnish with mint leaf

The Westin resort & Casino, Aruba continues to encourage Associates to make healthy choices in their lives. The focus of this quarter will be on the Westin Workout programs to jumpstart, maintain, or enhance fitness routines of the Associates in fun and interesting ways. □

First Choice and Thomson Charter make a generous donation

Oranjestad -- First Choice and Thomson Charter, a travel organization from the UK, made a generous donation to Sonrisa, a local not-for-profit foundation. Sonrisa is an association of parents, family members and friends of people with mental limitations, and it works on behalf of those afflicted, lobbying for more financial resources, mental support and social acceptance.

First Choice and Thomson Charter raised the money for the donation selling a De Palm Tours sunset cruise to their passengers, earmarking all proceeds to the charity. In addition to that, the representatives of First Choice and Thomson Charter got on board and organized fun games pro-

viding additional entertainment while cruising, soliciting extra donations from raffles and prizes.

The fund-raising drive has become a tradition, a successful collaboration between the UK-based firm and its Aruba-based ground handler, De Palm Tours.

First Choice and Thompson Charter flies over six million customers each year to over 80 destinations worldwide from 26 UK airports, and giving back to their host community is a core value of the company enhancing and cementing the relationship between the firm and the destination. First Choice and Thompson Charter book and fly 12,000 passengers to Aruba each summer. □



Aruba honors loyal repeat visitors!



Recently, several repeat guests were honored as Distinguished Visitors and Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba after returning to their vacation 'home away from home' for 10 to 20 years consecutive. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of

the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba between ten and twenty consecutive years.

Together, Mrs. Mislady Fingal and Ms. Darline de Cuba represented the Aruba Tourist Authority at the ceremony held at Ca-

ribbean Palm Village for Mrs. Seila Trudo and Mrs. Mildred Graves, who cited the main reasons they return to Aruba is because they consider Aruba to be the 'Happy Island,' with the great weather, beautiful white sand beaches and the local food. Additionally,

several honorees from the Paradise Beach Villas were honored as well.

Those honored were Mrs. Linda S. Baist and Mr. Howard M. Baist, residents of South Carolina, and Mr. Harry Warner and Mrs. Ann Warner, residents of Wenhah, New Jersey. These cer-

tificates were also presented by Darline S. de Cuba, as well as Mrs. Bianca Ali, representing Paradise Beach Villas.

Their top reasons for returning to Aruba are the fantastic sunsets, the beautiful blue ocean, and the friendly Aruban hospitality. □

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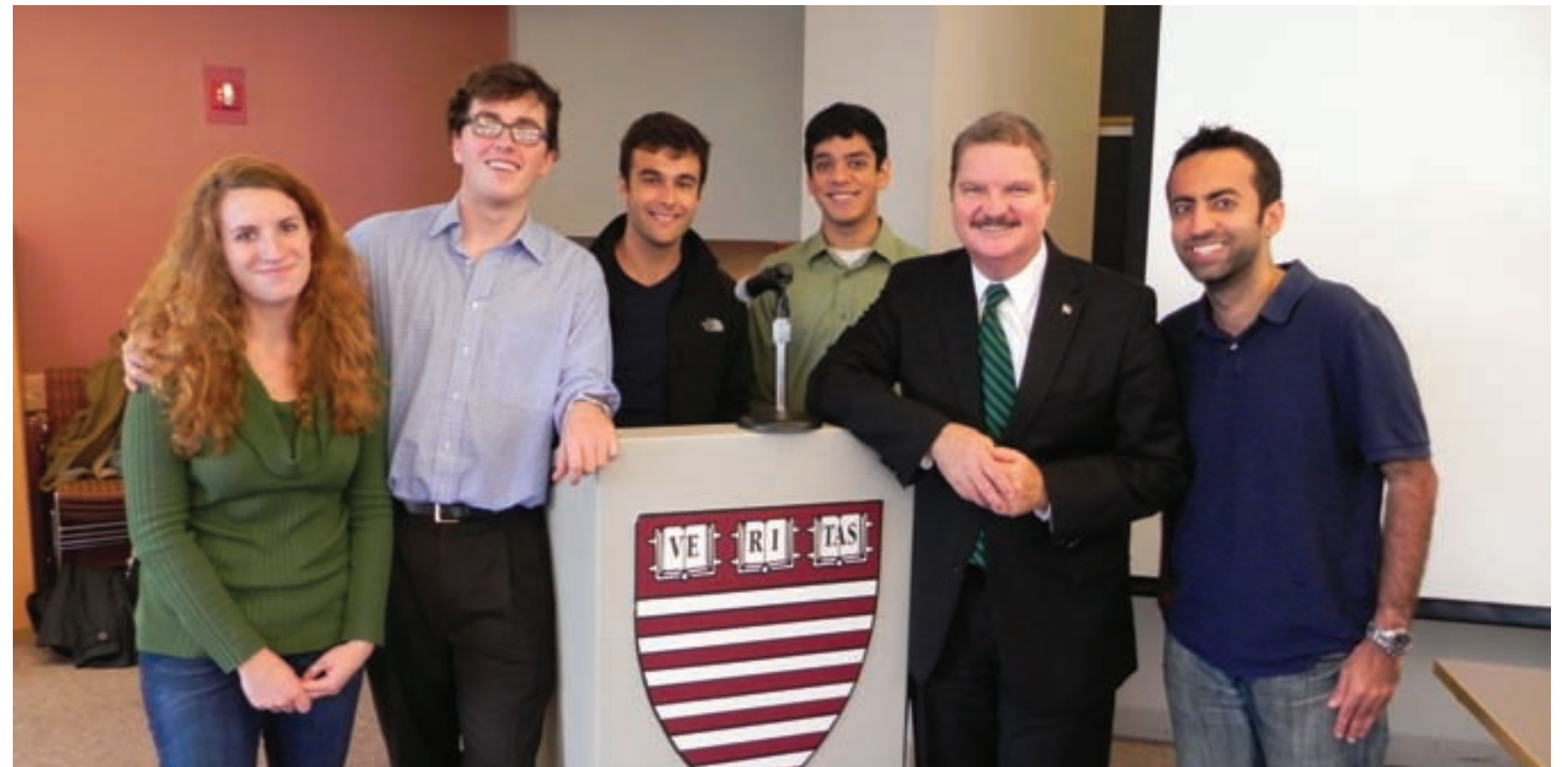
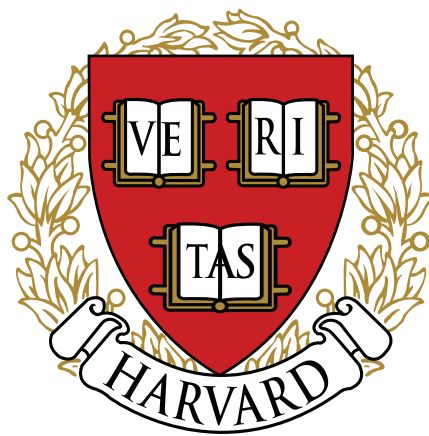
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Prime Minister Mike Eman together with the president of Harvard University, Drew Gilpin Faust.



Prime Minister Mike Eman together with students of Harvard University.

Prime Minister Mike Eman

Renews Robert F. Kennedy's Commitment to equitable growth in Harvard lecture

Boston, Massachusetts, —In front of a packed hall at the prestigious John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Prime Minister Eman delivered a powerful and eloquent lecture describing Aruba and its plans for the future. In a lecture that lasted nearly one hour, Prime Minister Eman gave a brief history of Aruba and outlined his vision for Aruba that incorporated sustainability, smart growth and a supreme confidence in the ability of the Aruban people to adapt to any challenge.

Indeed it was an appropriate place for the Prime Minister to share his vision because the Kennedy School has been for over 70 years the global leader in educating and empowering students to meet the challenges of today's world by seeking novel and multidisciplinary approaches to advance the public interest.

In echoing the famous quote of

President John F. Kennedy for whom the School was named, Prime Minister Eman said that Arubans too are not afraid to accept the challenge of being asked, "what you can do for your country" as long as they know their government is sharing the sacrifice and is implementing a viable plan for leaving Aruba a better place to live for the next generation.

He described Aruba's rescue plan in 1986 to overcome the challenge posed by the closure of the Lago refinery and how a new young democracy and its people rallied to move the Island to take advantage of its natural beauty and become a premier tourist destination by increasing the number of hotel rooms from 2,000 to 8,000 in just a few short years.

This strategy worked exceedingly well in its time, but in 2008, Aruba found itself facing another

challenge with the global recession. The new government that came into power in 2009 decided that more hotel rooms were not the answer, but rather there had to be a new focus on quality rather than quantity and, more importantly, there had to be an emphasis on investing in Aruba's people and infrastructure.

The diminishing returns from hotel construction had to be replaced by a policy of smart growth that would create an Aruba that would be a beautiful place for Arubans to live as well as a beautiful place for Aruba's friends and tourists to visit. This simple but powerful thought is at the heart of the Prime Minister's vision.

"Social gains must be made to keep pace with economic gains," according to the Prime Minister. In perhaps the most memorable line of the lecture, Prime Minister said, "We have five star

hotels...I'd like to see five star schools, five star neighborhoods, five star infrastructure and five star homes for the elderly."

Eman described Aruba's strategy which was developed based on national consensus in a "social dialogue" between government and unions, employers and other groups in the island.

It was Aruba's reliance on consensus as a tool to move ahead that captured the attention of the audience as numerous students and faculty asked the Prime Minister how that approach succeeded in Aruba and why was it so difficult to implement in the United States and in other countries that were undergoing so much civil strife in recent months.

Prime Minister described Aruba's two-fold strategy. First, Aruba would once again rely on its strategic geographic position

and ties to the Netherlands to be a natural hub and for business between Europe, the United States and Latin America. He joked that he reminds his Dutch colleagues that the strategic reasons that caused the Dutch to settle Aruba 200 years ago are still valid today.

Second, Aruba intends to become a leader in the region by moving to renewable energy and pursuing a strategy of smart growth. He described the impending partnerships with such prestigious groups as Gallup Inc. and the New America Foundation. A representative of the New America Foundation visited Aruba recently and was very impressed with Aruba's efforts to date as well as its plans to move the island in the direction of smart growth, a strategy that the NAF has been advocating for the United States as well.

In elaborating on Aruba's special status within the Kingdom of the

Netherlands, Prime Minister said Aruba chose to remain part of the Kingdom because of the nearly 200 year relationship with the Dutch and the desire on the part of Aruba to ally itself with a nation so well respected throughout the world for both its diplomatic and business strengths. The network of embassies and consulates of the Kingdom around the world — and particularly here in the United States — have been of enormous benefit to Aruba, which because of its small size could never achieve such reach on its own. The Kingdom also provides defense for the small island. "Aruba has the best of both worlds," said the Prime Minister — we have autonomy in our internal affairs but also have the support of the Kingdom in defense and diplomatic matters.

Prime Minister firmly stated his belief in the need for strong partners in constitutional, political as well as business realms. He described his efforts when he assumed office in 2009 to reach out to strategic partners that had left the Island in the preceding years and to convince them to return to Aruba; he succeeded in the return of such key partners as KLM, Carnival Cruise Lines

and Valero Oil Company.

Another key benefit of Aruba's status within the Kingdom of the Netherlands is that Aruba follows the Dutch legal system, including the ability of any party to appeal cases in Aruban courts all the way to the Hague in the Netherlands. The Dutch legal system is one of the best in the world, and foreign investors in Aruba take enormous comfort in the stability and fairness of its legal system.

Prime Minister Eman also described Aruba's aggressive move to renewable energy. He explained that currently Aruba derives 20% of its electricity from wind power, and soon another ten wind mills will be constructed which will boost the electricity generated by wind power to 40%. He noted that Aruba has planned smaller solar energy projects which will generate nearly 10% of Aruba's energy needs, and Aruba is exploring the possibility of wave energy and other forms of alternative energy. In addition, Aruba is switching its water and electric utility — as well as the Valero oil refinery — to use LNG, which, while still a fossil fuel, is vastly cleaner than fuel oil and will re-

sult in a 70% reduction of carbon emissions.

He also reminded the audience that various economic measurements alone such as Gross Domestic Product fail to take into account and measure those human activities which are truly most important. He quoted Robert Kennedy, who said, "Yet the gross national product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education, or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages; the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials. It measures neither our wit nor our courage; neither our wisdom nor our learning; neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country; it measures everything, in short, except that which makes life worthwhile."

He pointed out the special significance of this quote for Aruba because Robert Kennedy said it in a speech on March 18, 1968, with March 18 being the National Day of Aruba.

He described the Divi Divi tree and how Arubans follow its lessons of working with nature to overcome the challenges of a

harsh and arid climate, and leave nature and the tree for future generations to enjoy. Eman touched the audience emotionally by referring to the previous evening, when he personally gave Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, the widow of Robert F. Kennedy, a sculpture of the Aruba Divi Divi tree in remembrance of the harmony and the social justice that late Robert F. Kennedy always sought and championed.

Prime Minister Eman explained Aruba's approach in restoring existing historic buildings and streets rather than investing in new shopping malls and hotels, "We have chosen to invest in existing places like downtown areas and schools ... take a street that has lost its appeal and make it attractive. If you restore something, you bring back the shared value to your community."

Scott Leland, the Executive Director of the Kennedy School's Center for Business and Government, said of the Prime Minister, "His remarks were thoughtful and inspiring and it's clear he is a visionary leader who will advance both the economic and social progress of Aruba. It was a privilege to hear him speak."

Prime Minister Eman also met the President of Harvard University, Drew Gilpin Faust, and congratulated her on the 375th anniversary of the founding of the University, the celebration of which began on the day of the Prime Minister's lecture. In addition, he had an extensive discussion at the Harvard Faculty Club with Professor Dan Schrag, the Director of the Harvard University Center for the Environment and one of the world's leading experts on climate change, about the possibility of Aruba hosting a workshop for Harvard professors in Aruba to discuss environmental challenges facing island nations.

Prime Minister Eman states that the goal is to bring a Harvard "think tank" to Aruba in the beginning of next year to examine what Aruba is doing in the area of sustainable growth and what other steps it might take. "We would like Harvard to share its ideas and recommendations with other institutions such as New America Foundation and TNO that also are working with Aruba on smart growth."

LA Kings blast Blues 5-0 in home opener

St. Louis Blues defenseman Kent Huskins, left, pushes Los Angeles Kings center Jarret Stoll in front of St. Louis Blues goalie Jaroslav Halak during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Los Angeles, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011.

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U.S Open could make Monday finish permanent

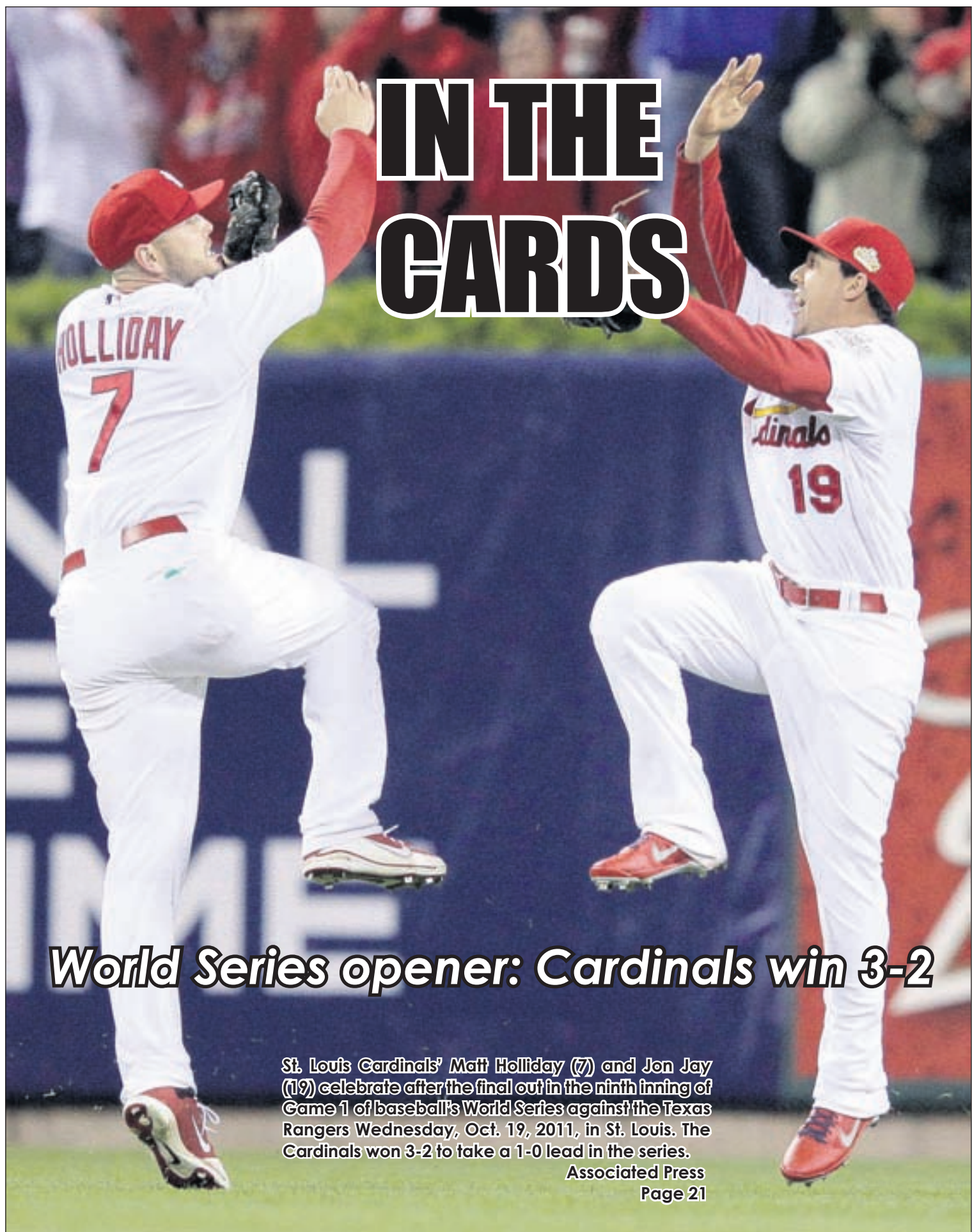
By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

After four consecutive years of rain-postponed men's finals, the U.S. Open is looking into changing its schedule as soon as next year and could become the first Grand Slam tennis tournament to switch permanently to a Monday finish.

Tournament director Jim Curley told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Wednesday that the U.S. Tennis Association started discussions last month with broadcaster CBS about finding a way to heed top players' calls for a day off between the men's semifinals and final. Currently, the U.S. Open is the only major tournament that schedules those matches on consecutive days, Saturday and Sunday.

Roger Federer, whose record 16 Grand Slam titles include five at the U.S. Open, was among those who said during this year's tournament that it's time to rethink the schedule. He called Wednesday's word of possible changes "the right move for our sport."

One proposal under consideration would add a 15th day to the tournament, shifting the men's final from Sunday to Monday, and the women's final from Saturday night to Sunday afternoon. □



St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Holliday (7) and Jon Jay (19) celebrate after the final out in the ninth inning of Game 1 of baseball's World Series against the Texas Rangers Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in St. Louis. The Cardinals won 3-2 to take a 1-0 lead in the series.

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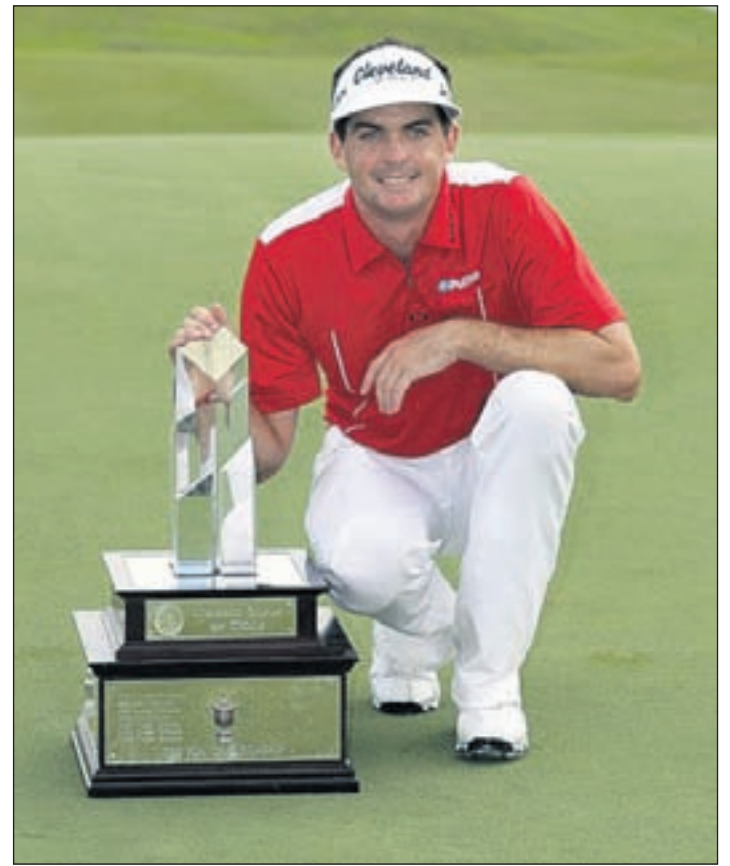
Bradley holds off Schwartzel to win PGA Grand Slam

SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda (AP)—Keegan Bradley held off a determined final-round charge from Charl Schwartzel to win the PGA Grand Slam on Wednesday. Bradley shot an even 71 to move to 4 under for the tournament, a shot ahead of Schwartzel, who tied the course record with a 65 after he came into the finale at 3 over. Schwartzel played the kind of golf that helped him win the Masters in dramatic fashion in April, with a run of five birdies on the front nine that put him in a tie at 2 under with Bradley, who dropped shots at Nos. 1, 5, and 6 before a birdie at the 7th halted the slide. A 20-foot putt for birdie on the 5th hole kick-started Schwartzel's round and he took the momentum into the turn when he chipped in from the greenside bunker on No. 9 after his approach was long.

"What he (Schwartzel) did in the middle part of that round was pretty amazing," said Bradley. "It felt like he was going to birdie every hole." Rory McIlroy, the joint overnight leader at 4 under, made par on each of the first six holes before a wild second shot on No. 7 forced him to take an unplayable. He closed the front nine with three bogeys to drop to 1 under. Bradley made birdie on Nos. 10 and 17, keeping him a shot ahead of Schwartzel. The South African had another long putt for birdie, and with Bradley facing a nervy 5-footer for par, the event went down to the wire. There was to be no dramatic finish for Schwartzel this time, however, and his attempt trickled agonizingly past the right edge of the hole. "It was a lot more intense that I thought it was going to be," said Bradley. "I was nervous, this felt like

a tournament on the PGA Tour. I was very nervous. I had been thinking it was going to a playoff considering how my year has been going." While Schwartzel and Bradley were embroiled in their own private battle, McIlroy flirted with making a comeback before another wild tee shot at the 15th left him needing to chip in from off the green for par. Still 1 under at that stage following another run of pars, a bogey at No. 16—when he missed the green—ended his chances.

"I obviously still had a chance going into the back nine," said the U.S. Open champion. "I just didn't do enough when I needed to." Darren Clarke's opening 77 was too big a deficit for him to overcome, and despite reaching the turn at 1 under, four bogeys on the back left him at 9 over for the two rounds. □



Keegan Bradley of the US poses with the winners trophy after the second round of the PGA Grand Slam of Golf at the Port Royal Golf Course in Southampton, Bermuda.

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Rangers score 4 in 3rd, Lundqvist blanks Canucks

Henrik Lundqvist and the New York Rangers weren't worried about how they looked. All that mattered was they skated off with their first win.

Outplayed and outshot badly through two periods, New York got elusive victory No. 1 because Lundqvist made 40 saves, and his teammates broke open a scoreless game with four goals in the third to beat the Vancouver Canucks 4-0 on Tuesday night.

"Henrik gave us an opportunity and we found a way," said coach John Tortorella, who admitted after an 0-1-2 start the win was more important than how the Rangers got it. "Absolutely. Just to feel good about yourself for a day or two. The guys are smart enough to know we've got things to work on."

Lundqvist was the only Rangers player who earned style points, especially in the first two periods.

Instead, the usually stylish Swedish goalie got a funny looking hat — a cheap-looking felt fedora — that the team picked up during a season-opening trip



New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist (30) stops a shot from Vancouver Canucks center Manny Malhotra (27) during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Vancouver, British Columbia, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011.

to Europe. It will be awarded to the top player after each win.

"They call it our Broadway hat," said a sweat-soaked Lundqvist, admitting the lid

might smell soon. "I don't mind. I want to wear it after every game."

No one argued he deserved it after this one.

At Vancouver, Lundqvist,

who led the NHL last season with 11 shutouts, was the main reason the Rangers got into the win column as he earned the 36th blanking of his career. He had an answer for everything the Canucks threw at him, including eight chances for what was the NHL's best power-play unit last season, and ranked seventh going into this game.

For a while it appeared as though Lundqvist might not be enough to lift the road-weary, injury-depleted Rangers, who were struggling to score.

But Mike Rupp started the barrage 2:22 into in the third, and the floodgates opened midway through the period. Ryan McDonagh and Brian Boyle scored 93 seconds apart midway through the final frame, and Marian Gaborik added the last goal after a brilliant rush and pass by McDonagh with 2:21 left as the Rangers won despite being outshot 40-19.

"Everything changed after the first goal," Lundqvist said. "We built some confidence and they felt like they had to do more, and

it opened up for us."

The Rangers, who started the season with two losses after regulation in Sweden, were playing for just the second time in 10 days after losing to the Islanders on Saturday. New York was also without leading defenseman Marc Staal, who has been out all season because of the effects of a concussion, and managed only nine shots at Roberto Luongo through two periods. But their 10th drive bounced off Luongo's right pad and right to Rupp inside the left circle. The big winger, signed this summer, fired in his first goal with the Rangers "It felt good. I've been struggling to find my game," Rupp said. "It's a good stepping stone for myself, and the team can build off the third period." That was enough for Lundqvist, who pitched a 31-save shutout in New York's only meeting with the Canucks last season. He was at his best shortly after Rupp scored. Lundqvist managed to keep the puck out during a wild scramble in the crease less than a minute later. □



Federal mediator George Cohen speaks at a news conference following the end of talks in the NBA labor negotiations, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in New York. NBA owners and players met for a second straight day, shortly after finishing a 16-hour marathon with a federal mediator.

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—After another long day of negotiations, NBA players and owners hammered out plans for another meeting. That's not the deal Commissioner David Stern wanted,

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but it's better than the cancellations that could have come if talks fall through. Both sides seemed to have plenty to talk about.

After an eight-hour meeting Wednesday brought their time together to more than 24 hours over two

NBA owners, players plan third straight day of talks

days, federal mediator George Cohen said they would resume bargaining Thursday afternoon.

Talks broke for the night so owners could attend meetings at another hotel.

Stern left after seven hours for a presentation on revenue sharing by the owners' planning committee.

The sides have been divided over two main issues, the division of revenues and the structure of the salary cap system.

League officials originally said they wouldn't be available for negotiating Wednesday or Thursday because of their board meetings.

Stern wanted to bring a deal to them, saying even the Christmas games could be in jeopardy of cancella-

tion without an agreement Tuesday.

Instead, owners will meet with players again Thursday after their board meeting, the first time during the 111-day lockout they have bargained on three consecutive days.

"The discussions have been direct and constructive, and as far as we are concerned, we are here to continue to help assist the parties to endeavor to reach an agreement," Cohen said.

Cohen said players and owners met in a variety of settings during mediation, sometimes in subcommittees, other times in groups as large as 40 people.

Flanked by deputy mediator Scot Beckenbaugh, Cohen made a statement

to reporters and did not take questions. Neither side commented, honoring Cohen's request to keep the negotiations private.

Without a deal this week, Stern might have to decide when a next round of cancellations would be necessary.

The season was supposed to begin Nov. 1, but all games through Nov. 14—100 in total—have been scrapped, costing players about \$170 million in salaries.

Talks resumed Wednesday morning, just eight hours after a marathon 16-hour session. The owners' planning committee meeting was scheduled for 2 p.m. but that was pushed back until the evening so they could keep talking with players. □

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Cruz comes up short and so do Rangers in WS opener

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — Nelson Cruz sprinted over to the foul line, desperately trying to run down Allen Craig's tailing liner. The right fielder came up just short, and so did the Texas Rangers.

Craig's pinch-hit drive landed an inch or two in front of Cruz's outstretched glove for a go-ahead single off reliever Alexi Ogando in the sixth inning that carried the St. Louis Cardinals over the Rangers 3-2 Wednesday in a chilly World Series opener. On a night when all the runs were driven in with opposite-field hits to right, Lance Berkman put St. Louis ahead with a two-run single in the fourth against C.J. Wilson.

Rangers catcher Mike Napoli watched in dejection as Albert Pujols and Matt Holliday scored, but a few minutes later celebrated in the top of the fifth when he tied it 2-all with a two-run homer off Chris Carpenter.

While the Rangers' bullpen couldn't hold on, five St. Louis relievers combined for three innings of one-hit relief. Not that Texas didn't have its chances - the Rangers were 0 for 5 with runners in scoring position. Colby Lewis starts for the Rangers on Thursday night, trying to send the Series back to Texas tied at a game apiece.

Game 1 has been an indicator of success in recent decades: The winner has captured seven of the last eight titles, 12 of the last 14 and 19 of the last 23. In addition, the team hosting Game 1 has won 20 of the last 25 World Series.

A year after making their first World Series appearance, a five-game loss to

the San Francisco Giants that opened with an 11-7 loss, the Rangers were back.

Taking over as ace after Cliff Lee left to sign with Philadelphia, Wilson dropped to 0-3 with a 7.17 ERA in four postseason starts this year, allowing three runs and four hits in 5 2-3 innings with a career-high six walks - two of them intentional.

He prepared for the start by getting in a tank of liquid nitrogen at 295 degrees below zero - the treatment is said to aid recovery - but on a blustery, 49-degree night his walks and a key wild pitch got him into some hot spots.

He fell behind after bouncing a pitch in the fourth that hit three-time NL MVP Albert Pujols on the left foot. That started a streak of three bad pitches in a four-pitch span.

Wilson tried to go inside on Matt Holliday but left the next one over the plate, and Holliday hit an opposite-field double into the right-field corner as Pujols took third.

Then, with the count 1-0 to Berkman, Wilson tried to go inside again but allowed the ball to drift over the plate. Berkman went the other way and chopped the ball over first base and into right field as the Cardinals took a 2-0 lead. Wilson shook his head back and fourth as he walked back to the mound.

The lead was short-lived.

Adrian Beltre singled leading off the fifth and, one out later, Napoli turned on a high pitch and sent it about 10 rows deep into the right-field seats for his second home run of the postseason. A fired-up Carpenter had escaped a two-on,



St. Louis Cardinals' Allen Craig hits a RBI single off Texas Rangers' Alexi Ogando during the sixth inning of Game 1 of baseball's World Series Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in St. Louis.

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none-out jam in the second inning when Napoli hit into an inning-ending double play.

Pujols had Cardinals fans cheering in the top of the sixth when he slid to stop Michael Young's grounder behind first and threw to Carpenter for the out, stranding Ian Kinsler at third.

Then in the bottom half, NLCS MVP David Freese hit an opposite-field double to right with one out and went to third on a wild pitch. Wilson struck out Yadier Molina, then pitched carefully to Nick Punto and walked him on four pitches.

Ogando relieved, and with many of the red-clad

Cardinals fans standing and waving white towels, Craig sliced a 1-2 pitch down the right field line. Cruz, the ALCS MVP, came oh-so-close to making the sliding catch, but the ball bounced just in front of his glove as Freese scored. Texas was lucky that the ball struck Cruz on a foot; otherwise, it could have rolled to the fence.

Carpenter became the first St. Louis starter to reach the sixth inning since the division series. He got the win, allowing two runs and five hits in six innings with four strikeouts and one walk. Fernando Salas, Marc Rzepczynski, Octavio Dotel, Arthur Rhodes and Jason Motte followed, with Motte getting three outs for his fifth postseason save.

With one out in the ninth, Beltre was called out on a grounder to third on a ball that appeared to bounce off his foot and could have been ruled foul. The call didn't go the Rangers' way.

It was that kind of night. □



Texas Rangers right fielder Nelson Cruz can't come up with a hit by St. Louis Cardinals' Allen Craig during the sixth inning of Game 1 of baseball's World Series Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in St. Louis.

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Swapping girls' night out for a workout

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Just after 2 p.m. on a September Saturday, the heavy drinking began at Alyson Luck's bachelorette party.

"I'm already in pain," said Luck, 29, wearing a veil and a white sash that read "Sexy Little Bride."

This was no bacchanalian bender. The bride-to-be and eight friends were partying at Flywheel Sports studio in Manhattan, downing half-liter bottles of water as they belled up to the barre for an hourlong workout that mixed Pilates, dance and weights.

--After a final stretch, to the sounds of "Chapel of Love," the crew refueled with sips of Champagne (Moët) and bite-size cupcakes. Then they headed out for manicures, pedicures and sushi.

Dancing on tables used to be the only activity remotely resembling exercise at a bachelorette party. Not now. The pre-wedding rite has taken to the gym -- and the stationary bike, the yoga studio, even the 10K road race. During prime wedding season, April to October, Exhale Spa's Midtown branch alone hosts an average of four bachelorette parties a month (cost: \$675 to \$1,200) for its signature Core Fusion workout, a barre-based blend of weights, interval training and stretching.

It's not just New Yorkers: The Los Angeles-based company Yoga for Weddings (slogan: "Bringing the Deep Breath to the Big Day") offers private 90-minute classes, with a focus on "heart-opening poses" like the Cobra, for brides-to-be and their pals in nine U.S. cities (cost: \$500). Innerlight Center for Yoga and Meditation in Middletown, R.I., started offering \$200-an-hour bachelorette parties last year; already demand this year has tripled, said Kim Chandler, the center's director.

Sometimes the exertion is a prelude to the more typical excess, or as a way of



From left: Amy Shapiro, Alyson Luck, Lara Kalayjian and Jennie Klein work out at Luck's bachelorette party at Flywheel Sports studio in New York. The pre-wedding rite has taken to the gym, reflecting shifting priorities among a new generation of brides.



Alyson Luck, second from right, shares a champagne toast with friends after a workout at Luck's bachelorette party at Flywheel Sports studio in New York, Sept. 24, 2011.

sweating it out the morning after. But often, it reflects shifting priorities among a new generation of brides.

"People are getting married a little bit older, and they know who they are more and that's reflected in the bachelorette parties," said Christi Masi, a personal trainer in Seattle who's worked with hundreds of brides as "chief exercise officer" of the Healthy Bride boot camps. Some women choose what

Casey Fremont Crowe, a recent bride, called "the more productive" option, partly so as not to undo efforts to slim down before the wedding.

"When you're trying to be really fit and lose weight, you really are thinking of it as every day counts, so why not make working out part of the celebration?" said Crowe, 27, whose May 21 party included a session at SoulCycle, the boutique stationary-cycling compa-

ny, with locations in Manhattan, the Hamptons and Scarsdale.

Crowe's festivities also included massages, a scavenger hunt -- and a boozy dinner. "Because of the class, none of us felt too bad about what we ate or drank," she said.

Still, she rose at dawn on her July 16 wedding day to attend one last 7 a.m. class at SoulCycle before slipping into her "unforgiving" silk sheath dress with chif-

fon overlay.

Caitlin Boyle, who as a bridesmaid helped plan her friend Nicole Saunders' bachelorette party, said Saunders's love of running even dictated the event's date: Sept. 17, to coincide with a Charlotte, N.C., 10K race called Hit the Brixx.

"If we hadn't been able to run, I'm sure we would've gone to a hot yoga class to celebrate," said Boyle, 27, who gave the runaway bride, 30, a veil and pink-and-purple puff-painted tank top to wear during the race. "I think it's important to honor the bride and her interests."

(Fellow runners joined the celebration, yelling encouragement like "Hey, bride! It's all downhill from here" on the course's hills.) The bride and her training regime may call the shots, alcoholic or otherwise, at the party, but the friends usually are not complaining about the enforced workout. "All of my friends love to work out and feel fit," said Crowe, who regularly meets them at SoulCycle. Lara Kalayjian, who attended Luck's party at Flywheel, is the one credited with (and sometimes blamed for) introducing the bride to the workout this summer.

"It's changed my life," she said. "And it's more fun with friends."

"Often we will recognize two-thirds of the guests as regulars," said Jay Galuzzo, the president of Flywheel, which has seven studios and had its first request from a bride within a month of its March 2010 opening in New York. (Included in the wedding-themed playlist the studio offers is Bruno Mars' "Marry You," Madonna's "Like a Virgin" and the Proclaimers' "Let's Get Married.") Although men occupy 40 percent of the Flywheel bikes, it seems bridegrooms are less keen on virtuous last-night-of-freedom rites: The recently opened Chicago branch will host the company's first bachelor party in November. □

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With deals, YouTube expands as music destination

By JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer
NEW YORK (AP) —

YouTube has been very good to bedroom singers, who have found a quick path to fame, and major labels, which have benefited from some of the largest digital audiences for their top music videos. But the middle tier — hundreds of independent labels and their deep rosters of bands — has sometimes been marginalized in YouTube's endlessly expansive video jukebox. Now, as YouTube continues to expand as a music destination, it's making itself more welcoming to independent labels and musicians. On Monday, YouTube unveiled a new feature called the Merch Store that allows users to purchase fan merchandise directly on an artist's YouTube channel. On Wednesday, YouTube will announce a long-awaited deal with global rights agency Merlin, which represents some 14,000 independent labels. Those announcements follow deals with indie labels such as the Beggars Group (whose roster includes Vampire Weekend), Merge Records (whose acts include Arcade Fire) and a settlement earlier this year with the National Music Publishers' Association on royalties for music publishers. In August, YouTube relaunched its music page, adding local concert listings, curated playlists and a kind of digital Billboard list: the YouTube Top 100. For the Google Inc.-owned YouTube, it's part of a long-term push to build its music section into a more robust consumer experience while also making more money for labels, big and small — and YouTube, too, of

course. "We see YouTube as a comprehensive entertainment destination and music is a core component of that," says Chris Maxcy, YouTube partner development director for music, games and platforms. "My charter is to make sure we have as comprehensive a catalog as possible of all the professionally produced video out there." Until recently, that catalog was mostly driven by major labels. Though the majors (Sony Music, EMI Group, Warner Music Group, Universal Music Group) were skittish about YouTube in its early days and rights squabbles were common, they have all come to profit considerably from the video site. YouTube declined to give specific numbers, but said the music industry as a whole is making "hundreds of millions of dollars annually from having their content on YouTube" and that music ad revenue on YouTube for the major record labels has more than

doubled year after year. That has made YouTube an important digital realm for independent labels, too, for a percentage of advertising revenue, and now, opportunities for merchandise and ticket sales. "Those labels and the artists they represent now have a powerful monetization opportunity on what has become pretty clearly a significant music destination on the Web," says Charles Caldas, CEO of Merlin. The arrival of YouTube was part of the reason Merlin was founded. The agency — which considers itself the "fifth major" — began in 2008 as a centralized hub, gathering smaller labels to make digital deals with music services like MySpace, Spotify and Rdio.

In this computer screen image released by YouTube, a page is shown from YouTube's "The Merch Store," site. The site allows users to purchase fan merchandise directly on an artist's YouTube channel.
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US Fed survey suggests hazy outlook for economy

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most areas of the country reported slight economic improvement in September and early October, according to a Federal Reserve survey of its 12 bank regions. But several regions said a hazier economic outlook is making businesses more cautious and holding back their spending. The Fed said Wednesday that consumer spending rose slightly in most districts. A key reason was more people bought new cars, in part because dealers had a greater selection of models. Manufacturing also rebounded, particularly in the auto industry that has been hampered since the March 11 earthquake in Japan.

Still, in some regions, businesses outside the auto industry reported a weaker and more uncertain outlook, which raised caution and weighed on those companies' spending plans. Three of the regions — Philadelphia, Richmond, and Chicago — indicated that many retailers were reluctant to build up their stockpiles ahead of the holiday season because of sliding consumer confidence.

The uncertainty appeared to rattle financial markets, which had been trading higher most of the day. Stocks fell after the report was released. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 72 points. Broader indexes also declined. Traders shifted

money into safer Treasuries, which lowered the yield on the 10-year note to 2.14 percent.

The report, known as the Beige Book, covered the period from Aug. 27 through Oct. 7. The previous survey

caused by the Japanese crisis have begun to ease. That has helped increase auto production and sales. The latest survey showed that many auto dealers continued to replenish inventories that ran low in the

San Francisco said workers with specialized skills in such fields as information technology were seeing wage gains. Cleveland noted higher wages for truck drivers.

The economy grew at an



Trader F. Hill Creekmore, left, and specialist Joseph Mastrolia on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011. Most areas of the country reported slight economic improvement in September and early October, according to a Federal Reserve survey of its 12 bank regions. But several regions said a hazier economic outlook is making businesses more cautious and holding back their spending.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

found growth more uneven across the country following a difficult summer that included wild fluctuations in the stock market.

"A month ago a lot of people were worried about the possibility of a double-dip recession. This report shows we are not headed down but we are still expanding at a very slow pace," said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at the Martin Smith School of Business at California State University. Supply disruptions

aftermath of the disaster. Cleveland, Atlanta and Chicago regions all reported increased auto production. Boston, Richmond, Chicago and St. Louis cited robust activity for auto supply companies.

Hiring remains sluggish in most districts and wages are largely stagnant.

A few districts — Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago and Kansas City — reported job growth in manufacturing, transportation and energy. Atlanta and

annual pace of just 0.9 percent in the first six month of the year, the slowest growth since the recession ended two years ago. Recent data suggest growth picked up slightly in the July-September quarter. In September, employers added 103,000 net jobs, and consumers increased their spending on retail goods by the most in seven months. Stronger consumer spending could help tamp down concerns that the economy is at risk of a recession. □

Amex 3rd-qr profit rises 13%

EILEEN AJ CONNELLY
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — American Express Co. on Wednesday said that its third-quarter profit rose 13 percent, as its customers spent more on their cards. For the three months ended Sept. 30, the credit card company posted net income attributable to common shareholders of \$1.24 billion, or \$1.03 per share, compared with \$1.09 billion, or 90 cents per



A Black Amex Card is passed at a transaction. American Express Co. on Wednesday said that its third-quarter profit rose 13 percent, as its customers spent more on their cards.

share, in the year-ago period. Revenue rose 9 percent to \$7.57 billion from \$6.97 billion last year.

Analysts, on average, were expecting profit of 95 cents per share, on revenue of \$7.58 billion, according to data provided by FactSet.

New York-based American Express, which has an affluent customer base that is less affected by the struggling economy, said card user spending rose

16 percent. The average spending per card during the quarter was \$3,739.

In the U.S., total revenue rose 6 percent to \$3.8 billion. Internationally, revenue leaped 16 percent to \$1.3 billion.

Meanwhile, the company enjoyed the lowest rate of late payments and defaults on balances in the industry, reflecting both the wealth of its customers and Amex's strict management of problem accounts. □

What American Airlines must do to end nosedive



DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines is in bad need of an upgrade.

The airline posted a \$162 million loss on Wednesday, and has lost money in 14 of the last 16 quarters. Shares of parent AMR Corp. dropped 7.5 percent, and they have fallen 66 percent this year as investors worry that the company could be headed for bankruptcy protection.

AMR has nearly \$5 billion in cash, more than many of its rivals and enough to avoid bankruptcy anytime soon.

But American needs to solve its labor problems, bring costs under control and provide better service to passengers if it is to pull out of a long financial nosedive that has resulted in the loss of more than \$12 billion since 2001. Here's what American must do, experts say: —Control labor costs AMR says its labor costs are \$600 million a year more than other airlines — even more if pensions are included. Partly it's because other airlines dumped pension and other costs when they went through bankruptcy in the past decade.

American's unions hotly dispute AMR's figures and are seeking pay raises.

—Improve service

American needs to improve its service to keep attracting passengers, who have many airlines to choose among. That means arriving on-time more often, which is especially important to business travelers. Its American Eagle subsidiary cancels a high number of flights.

"American used to be the industry leader," says Henry H. Harteveldt, a travel industry analyst with Atmosphere Research Group. "Now it's in the middle of the pack and falling." □

World Economy At A Glance

The Associated Press

A look at economic developments and activity in major stock markets around the world Wednesday:

PARIS — The leaders of Germany, France, the IMF and European Central Bank are meeting Wednesday night, to prepare for a crucial European summit that markets hope will produce a comprehensive solution to the deepening euro debt crisis and save the 17-nation euro currency.

ATHENS, Greece — Greek anger over new austerity measures and layoffs erupted into violence outside parliament, as demonstrators hurled chunks of marble and gasoline bombs at riot police, who responded with tear gas and stun grenades.

LONDON — Hopes that Europe is close to agreeing a package of measures to deal with its debt crisis supported market sentiment, though fears of disappointment kept the gains in check. In Europe, Germany's DAX was up 0.5 percent while the CAC-40 in France rose 0.2 percent. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was 0.6 percent higher.

TOKYO — In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 index rose 0.4 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 1.3 percent. South Korea's Kospi gained 0.9 percent. However, mainland China's Shanghai Composite Index fell 0.3 percent. The smaller Shenzhen Composite Index lost 0.6 percent to 1,004.20.

LONDON — Bank of England rate-setters voted unanimously this month to inject more money into the struggling British economy, marking a sharp turnaround in sentiment.

FRANKFURT, Germany — Outgoing European Central Bank president Jean-Claude Trichet said the eurozone's debt crisis requires "immediate action" in coming days and defended the euro as a bulwark against inflation that benefits average people.

BRUSSELS — The European Union's executive body said that it wants to spend some \$70 billion over the next decade on transportation, energy and telecommunications projects to better link its member states across national borders. Additionally, the European Union's competition watchdog said it conducted unannounced inspections at several banks amid suspicions they may have colluded to manipulate euro interest-rate derivatives.

LISBON, Portugal — Portugal raised \$2.07 billion in a debt auction with near-flat interest rates as investors took heart from the government's latest spending cuts.

GENEVA — The U.N. labor office says a dip in youth unemployment indicates that young people in the developed world are "hiding" from the jobs market by going back into education or staying at home with their parents.

SEOUL, South Korea — The leaders of South Korea and Japan agreed to expand the size of a currency swap deal and push to resume stalled free trade negotiations, as Tokyo returned looted Korean royal documents in a goodwill gesture. □

Home building jumps 15 percent in September

DEREK KRAVITZ

AP Real Estate Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Home builders started projects in September at the fastest pace in 17 months, a hopeful sign for the economy. Most of the gain was driven by a surge in volatile apartment construction. That could help create jobs and boost economic growth, but it doesn't signal a comeback for the depressed housing market. Single-family home construction, which represents nearly 70 percent of homes built, rose only slightly. And building permits, a gauge of future construction, fell to a five-month low.

Overall, builders began work in September on a seasonally adjusted 658,000 homes, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. While that's a 15 percent increase from August, it's roughly half the 1.2 million that economists say is consistent with healthy housing markets.

"The overall result is favorable," said Pierre Ellis, an analyst at Decision Economics. "But greater optimism would have been prompted if single-family starts had increased — suggesting that builders were seeing a better market ahead."

A separate report showed that consumers paid more for food and gas in September, although inflation outside those volatile categories was tame.

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 percent last month, the Labor Department said. Excluding food and energy, so-called core prices increased 0.1 percent, the smallest rise since March. Food prices rose 0.4 percent in September, pushed up by big increases in the dairy, cereals, and fruits and vegetables categories. Gas prices rose 2.9 percent. Inflation has worsened this year, after the cost of oil, corn and cotton spiked

pace since April 2010, when a federal homebuyers' tax credit temporarily boosted construction. Apartment building in September surged 53.4 percent to its highest level in three years. Still, single-family homes rose 1.7 percent and building permits fell 5 percent. Increased apartment construction could be a sign that builders are gaining access to hard-to-get financing for projects, analysts said. It could also be a



in the spring. But some economists believe consumer prices are leveling off. Clothing prices fell in September. Gas prices are down from their May peak. And new and used car prices are flattening now that supply chains disruptions caused by the Japan crisis have started to ease. The spike in apartment construction helped home building increase to its best

positive sign for the broader economy.

The Federal Reserve "will still be more encouraged than not, given the healthy multifamily sector — and the positive hint about availability of financing that it gives," Ellis said.

While home construction represents a small portion of the housing market, it has an outsize impact on the economy. □

EBay holiday forecast disappoints investors

RACHEL METZ

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — EBay left investors unimpressed with its predictions for the holiday season even as its namesake site and PayPal online payment service showed healthy growth in the latest quarter. The company's stock fell more than 4 percent even though eBay said net income grew 14 percent in the third quarter — thanks partly to consumers shopping and transferring funds using the company's smartphone and tablet apps. In a conference call with analysts, CEO John Do-



nahoe said the company is looking for an "OK to solid" holiday season.

EBay did well during the holidays over the past two years despite the weak economy. Its tempered expectations could signal a generally not-so-jolly holiday season on the horizon for all types of retailers. For the July-September quarter, eBay said earned \$491

million, or 37 cents per share.

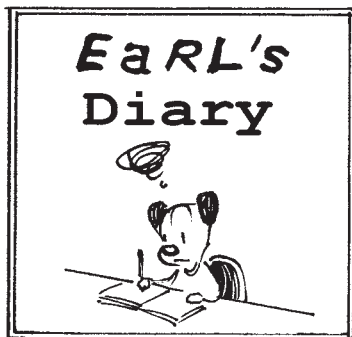
This compares with \$432 million, or 33 cents per share, a year earlier.

Excluding special items, the company earned 48 cents per share, which is what analysts polled by FactSet were expecting.

Revenue increased 32 percent to \$3 billion, beating analyst expectations for \$2.9 billion.

In eBay Inc.'s marketplaces business, which includes eBay.com and a slew of other e-commerce sites and businesses, revenue rose 17 percent to \$1.65 billion. □

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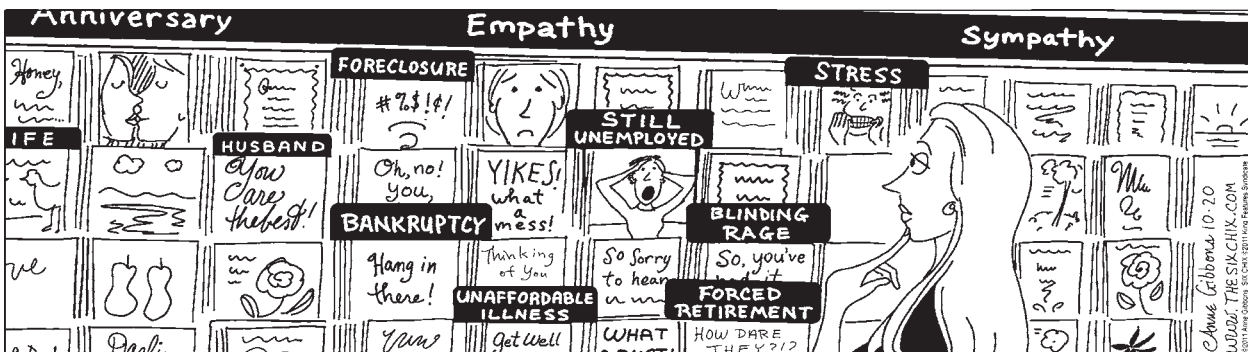
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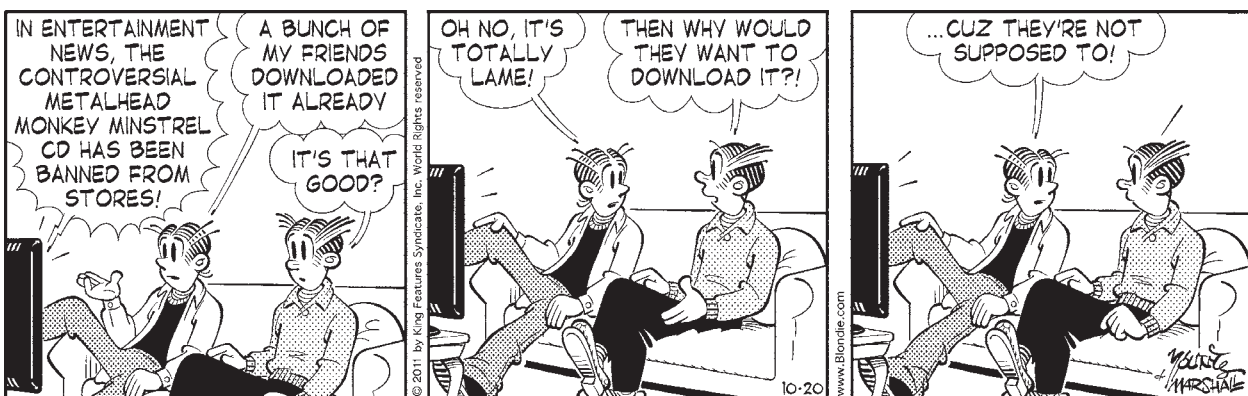
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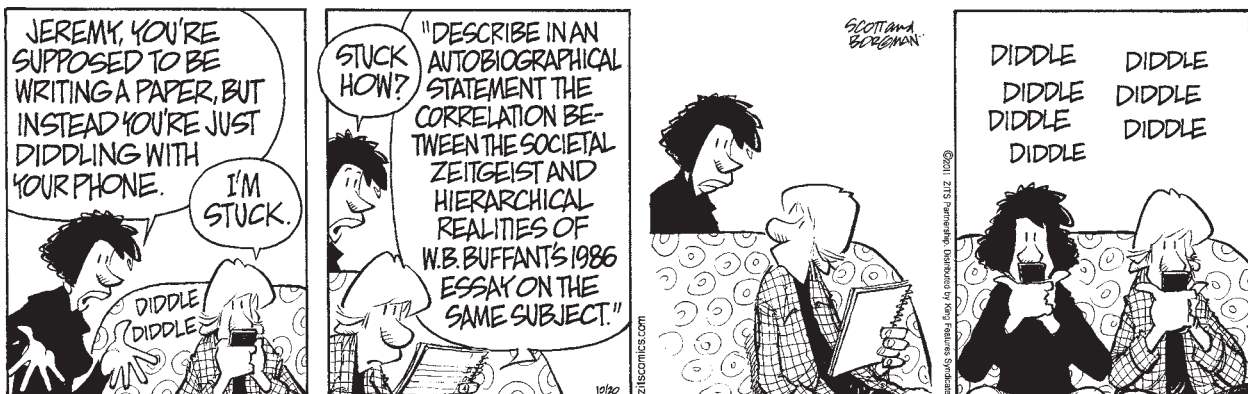
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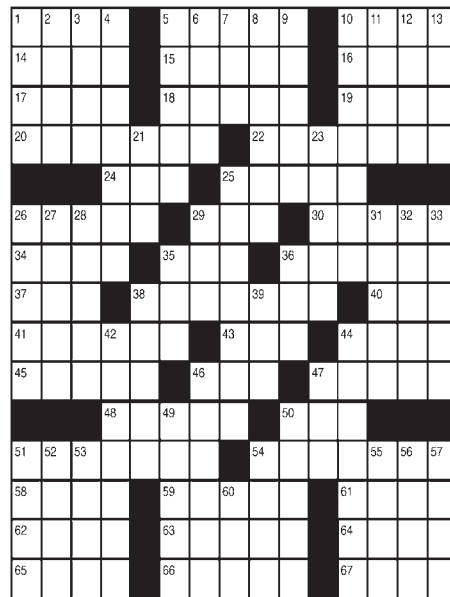
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- Very dry
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- Actor Jeremy
- Abounding
- Lures; tempts
- Salt lake by Jordan & Israel
- Very early blossom
- End of life
- Ill-suited
- That girl
- Adds liquor to the punch
- Segment
- Goal
- Original inhabitant
- Dessert choice
- Has high hopes
- TV room, often
- Goings-on
- Acquire
- Part of the eye
- Adjust an alarm
- Supreme Being
- Use bad language
- Taunted
- Facial twitch
- Cure-all
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- Come ; find
- Quiz
- Show; display
- Attempted
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- Hubbub
- Hot coal
- Biblical prophet
- Construction worker's accessory
- Fleur-de-lis
- Small flute
- Notion
- Sever
- Book of maps
- Person with superhuman power
- Partial plate, often
- Innocently unaware
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- Stylish
- Apple drink
- out; balances
- Common ; good judgment
- Burro

- Brief; concise
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- Allies' WWII foe
- Longest river
- ot; keen on
- Enlarge a hole
- Opposed to
- Money, slangily
- Undergarment

Victoria's Secret model Miranda Kerr introduces new multi-million dollar bra



Victoria's Secret model Miranda Kerr poses with The Fantasy Treasure Bra, designed by London Jewelers, during a presentation in New York on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011. Kerr will wear the bra, valued at \$2.5 million, and featuring 142 carats of diamonds in the 2011 Victoria's Secret Fashion show airing Tuesday, Nov. 29 on CBS.

(AP Photo/StarPix, Marion Curtis)



The Fantasy Treasure Bra, designed by London Jewelers and valued at \$2.5 million, is shown during a presentation at Victoria's Secret in New York on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011.

(AP Photo/Star Pix, Marion Curtis)

Stepping out for a swanky event, Miranda Kerr was spotted at the unveiling of the 2011 Fantasy Treasure Bra for Victoria's Secret Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

The Aussie stunner got all gussied up in a strapless pink dress and headed over to the Victoria's Secret Lexington Avenue store in New York City where she greeted fans and posed for pictures.

Miranda and her handsome husband Orlando Bloom recently took some DIY fashion photos for Rag & Bone while on holiday in New Zealand.

Kerr's fellow super-hot models Karolina Kurkova, Abbey Lee Lershaw, Sasha Pivovarov, and Lily Aldridge have all participated in Rag & Bone's project as well. □

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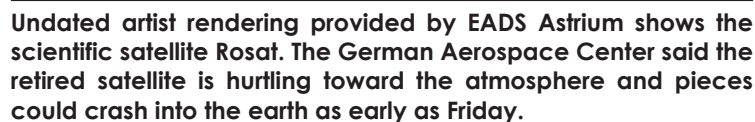
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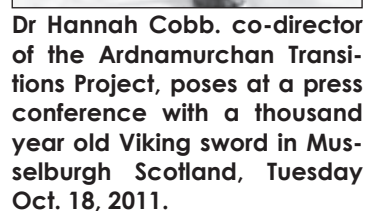
lite ROSAT, which orbits the earth every 90 minutes, and experts are not sure exactly where pieces of it could land. Parts of the satellite, which is the size of a minivan, will burn up during re-entry but up to 30 fragments weighing a total of 1.87 tons could crash into the Earth sometime between Friday and

satellite entered Earth's atmosphere generally above American Samoa. But falling debris as it broke apart did not start hitting the water for another 300 miles to the northeast, southwest of Christmas Island.

Earlier, scientists had said it was possible some pieces could have reached northwestern Canada.

The German space agency puts the odds of somebody somewhere on Earth being hurt by its satellite at 1-in-2,000 — a slightly higher level of risk than was calculated for the NASA satellite. But any one individual's odds of being struck are 1-in-14 trillion, given there are 7 billion people on the planet. □

rotted away, but scraps of wood and hundreds of metal rivets that held the vessel together remain. The archeologists also unearthed a shield boss — a circular piece of metal attached to the middle of a shield — and a bronze ring-pin buried with the Viking. They also found a knife, a whetstone to sharpen tools, and Viking pottery on the site on the Ardnamurchan peninsula on Scotland's west coast. The boat and its contents were discovered by a team of archeologists from Manchester and Leicester universities working with the cultural heritage organization Archaeology Scotland and consultants CFA Archaeology. Hannah Cobb, co-director of the project, said the discovery had exceeded expectations. □



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Lohan in custody after judge finds probation issue

By DERRIK J. LANG

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lindsay Lohan sported a new accessory Wednesday after a judge revoked her probation: Handcuffs. The actress was taken into custody and escorted from a hearing after Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner revoked her probation because she was ousted from a community service assignment at a women's shelter.

"There has been violation after violation," Sautner said.

Bail was set at \$100,000, and Lohan's spokesman Steve Honig said it was immediately posted. It was unclear, however, if Lohan had been released.

"We're dealing with someone on probation," said Lohan's attorney, Shawn Holley. "Most people on probation don't always do things perfectly."

A city prosecutor recommended jail time, but Sautner set a Nov. 2 hearing to decide whether Lohan should serve another stint behind bars, where she has been sent four previous times only to be released early due to jail overcrowding.

"If jail meant something in the state of California now, maybe I'd put her in jail," Sautner said.

The development marked the latest legal problem for the 25-year-old Lohan, who was given probation for a 2007 drunken driving case and a misdemeanor theft case this year.

"Lindsay is hoping this matter will be resolved on Nov. 2 and the court will reinstate probation and allow her to continue fulfilling her community service," Honig said.

Lohan had been ordered in April to serve 360 hours at the Downtown Women's Center, an agency that helps homeless women. Nine of Lohan's appointments at the center were "just blown off" and she "showed up once and left after an hour," Sautner said.

Lohan has since started serving hours with the



Lindsay Lohan is taken into custody by Los Angeles County sheriff deputies after a judge found her in violation of probation Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in Los Angeles.

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American Red Cross, but Sautner said that would not count because it was not part of her sentence.

During the tense proceedings, Sautner hammered Lohan for failing to show up for her four-hour appointments at the women's center and taking six months to complete a court-ordered Shoplifters Anonymous course. The judge also questioned how Lohan could have complied with her court-ordered weekly psychological counseling when she was traveling in Europe from Sept. 9 to Oct. 5.

"I don't know how she did that in person every week," said Sautner, who suggested Lohan complete a minimum of 16 hours of her community service at the county morgue before the Nov. 2 hearing, when Lohan's probation offi-

cer and other officials will testify about her efforts to complete her sentence.

Lohan, aside from a role in last year's film "Machete," has seen her acting career evaporate in recent years. She has been in perpetual trouble since May 2010.

Another judge determined she violated her probation in a 2007 drunken driving case and sentenced her to jail and rehab. She faltered after being released early from a rehab facility early and was sent to the Betty Ford Center, where she got in an altercation with a rehab worker who later sued.

Within weeks of her release from Betty Ford, Lohan was accused of taking a \$2,500 necklace without permission from an upscale jewelry store near her home in the Venice neighborhood of Los Angeles. □

Clooney: Think Hollywood is cynical? Try politics

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — George Clooney says Hollywood can be a ruthless place — but it's nothing compared to the world of politics.

The star, who plays a U.S. presidential hopeful in "The Ides of March," said Wednesday that "there's a certain cutthroat element to the business" of moviemaking, but added that actors share a spirit of generosity that he doesn't often see in politics.

Most performers "are pretty kind to one another," Clooney told reporters ahead of a gala screening of the movie at the London Film Festival.

"Because you're so lucky if you get to the position where you get to be in a film," Clooney said. "You're very privileged, and you understand that it's not just your brilliance that got you there, that you're standing on the shoulders of a lot of happy accidents along the way."

Clooney directed, co-wrote, produced and stars in the tale of a Democratic presidential contender, with Ryan Gosling as an

idealistic aide swept up in a sex scandal in the final days of a closely fought primary campaign. The film also stars Philip Seymour Hoffman and Paul Giamatti as rival campaign managers, and Evan Rachel Wood as an ambitious intern.

Clooney said the movie, adapted from a play by Beau Willimon, is "a pretty cynical look at politics." He has said he held off filming it amid the wave of optimism that accompanied the 2008 election of President Barack Obama. Three years later, amid political division and economic gloom, that positive mood is long gone.

"I think that the 'hope' part of the hope message has been tamped down a bit," Clooney said.

"It's all cyclical," he added. "It'll change back again. I feel fairly optimistic about the way our country works."

Clooney has politics in the family — his father made an unsuccessful run for Kentucky's 4th Congressional District in 2004. But he said playing a politician was a challenge.

"Playing a candidate is



U.S. Director George Clooney poses during the photocall for The Ides of March at a central London Cinema, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011.

Associated Press

tricky because, you would think actors have a gigantic ego — and they do," he said. "But politicians have a tremendous amount of

ego.

"It's very hard when the product you're selling to the entire country is yourself, and you're just selling the hell out of it all the time. ... We have to have it, and we need somebody who's really good at it, but ego is something that was really tricky to embrace."

Clooney said the type of scandal the film depicts is universal, but thinks the public and media will have to grow more forgiving of politicians' personal peccadilloes.

"I think we're going to have to get to the point where we just have to start, every candidate, with 'Yeah, I did it' and just go on from there," Clooney said. "Because it's going to be very hard to find people who haven't smoked a joint or drunk some bong water along the way."

Clooney, whose own private life is the subject of constant scrutiny, said he's not tempted to step into the even more unforgiving world of politics.

"Hollywood is a bit more forgiving," Clooney said, "because they don't expect us to be saints." □

Jon Bon Jovi's charity restaurant opens in NJ

By WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

RED BANK, N.J. (AP) — In three decades as one of the world's biggest rock stars, Jon Bon Jovi has eaten in some of the world's best restaurants, savoring the best food the planet has to offer.

Yet there's no place he'd rather have dinner than The Soul Kitchen, a "pay-what-you-can" restaurant he and his wife Dorothea established in a former auto body shop near the Red Bank train station in central New Jersey.

The restaurant provides gourmet-quality meals to the hungry while enabling them to volunteer on community projects in return without the stigma of visiting a soup kitchen. Paying customers are encouraged to leave whatever they want in the envelopes on each table, where the menus never list a price.

The restaurant is the latest undertaking by the New Jersey rocker's Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation, which has built 260 homes for low-



Rock star Jon Bon Jovi sits in the Soul Kitchen restaurant in Red Bank, N.J., Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, during the opening of the restaurant which is designed to help the hungry without the stigma of a soup kitchen. Diners pay whatever they're able to.

income residents in recent years.

"With the economic downturn, one of the things I noticed was that disposable income was one of the first things that went," Bon Jovi told The Associated Press

in an interview Wednesday before the restaurant's grand opening ceremony. "Dining out, the family going out to a restaurant, mom not having to cook, dad not having to clean up — a lot of memories were

made around restaurant tables. "When I learned that one in six people in this country goes to bed hungry, I thought this was the next phase of the Foundation's work," he said. It started several years ago when Dorothea Bongiovi (she uses the legal spelling of her husband's name) and Jon started helping out at a food pantry at nearby St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church. They later moved their focus to the Lunch Break program, which feeds 80 to 120 people a day, dubbing it "The Soul Kitchen."

They brought that name with them to a former auto body shop down the street from the Count Basie Theater, where Jon and his self-titled band have played many fundraising shows for local charities.

It took a year and \$250,000, but the restaurant now rivals any of its competitors in trendy Red Bank, with entrees like cornmeal crusted catfish with red beans and rice, grilled chicken breast with homemade basil mayo and rice pilaf, and grilled salmon with soul seasonings, sweet potato mash and sauteed greens, many of which were grown in the herb and vegetable garden right outside the restaurant's doors.

Bon Jovi, who has a home in next-door Middletown, is adamant about one thing. "This is not a soup kitchen," he emphasizes. "You can come here with the dignity of linens and silver, and you're served a healthy, nutritious meal. This is not burgers and fries.

"There's no prices on our menu, so if you want to come and you want to make a difference, leave a \$20 in the envelope on the table. If you can't afford to eat, you can bus tables, you can wait tables, you can work in the kitchen as a dishwasher or sous chef," he said. "If you say to me, 'I'm not a people person,' I say, 'That's not a problem. We'll take you back to Lunch Break to volunteer with those people. If you don't want to volunteer with that, we'll take you to the FoodBank.'"

After volunteering at one of those places, a person will be given a certificate good for a meal at The Soul Kitchen.

"If you come in and say, 'I'm hungry,' we'll feed you," Bon Jovi said. "But we're going to need you to do something. It's very important to what we're trying to achieve."

That includes making people feel part of a larger community that cares about them, while still expecting them to contribute to society at large.

"This is not an entitlement thing," Bon Jovi said. "This is about empowering people because you have to earn that gift certificate."

Bon Jovi said he is currently writing songs for his band's next album, due out in 2013, along with another typically massive Bon Jovi tour. He said many of the songs are inspired by the current economic downturn and the struggles of everyday people to make ends meet without losing hope.

In the meantime, he and his wife plan to stay active in the restaurant, where he estimates he has worked at least once a week in recent months. The Soul Kitchen is open for dinner Thursday through Saturday, and offers Sunday brunch. □

Prequel to 'Peter Pan' heading to Broadway

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A prequel to "Peter Pan" is flying to Broadway.

Producers Nancy Nagel Gibbs and Greg Schaffert said Wednesday that "Peter and the Starcatcher," the first play commissioned by Disney, will be staged in the spring. It was last seen off-Broadway at the New York Theatre Workshop, where it earned five Drama Desk nominations. The cast and theater will be announced later. When it was off-Broadway, it starred Christian Borle, who is to appear on the NBC series "Smash," and Adam Chanler-Berat, who is currently starring in the off-Broadway revival of "Rent" at New World Stages.

The play is written by Tony Award nominee Rick Elice, and co-directed by Roger Rees, who is now starring in "The Addams Family," and Alex Timbers, who directed



In this publicity image released by Richard Kornberg & Associates, from left, Celia Keenan-Bolger, Teddy Bergman and Adam Chanler-Berat, in a scene from "Peter and the Starcatcher," performing off-Broadway at New York Theatre Workshop in New York.

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"Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson." Twelve actors play some 50 characters. The madcap look at Peter Pan's background is based on the novel of the same name by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson. An early version was staged at the

La Jolla Playhouse in the winter of 2009.

It's the latest success for Disney, whose musical adaptation of the 1992 film "Newsies" has also become a hit at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, New Jersey. □

Imagined in America



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HONG KONG — After spending last week talking with Hong Kong entrepreneurs about a bill, just passed by the U.S. Senate, to clear the way for tariffs on Chinese exports to America if China doesn't revalue its currency, there are three things I have to say. One, I really hope the people pushing this bill do not give up. Two, I really hope the people pushing this bill do not succeed. And, three, I really hope no one thinks this legislation will make any sustainable dent in our unemployment problem, which requires much more radical rethinking.

I support this legislation in theory because China needs a wake-up call. I know, China never responds to in-your-face pressure — not immediately. But it began revaluing its currency upward in 2005, the last time the Senate brandished a big stick. The fact is, China's strategy of using low wages and a cheap currency to build up an enormous export-led growth engine — while using its huge market to lure and compel companies to transfer their next-generation technology to China as well — is now hurting both sides.

China is spending tons of money manipulating its currency downward and, in the process, creating domestic inflation and a real estate bubble, which is weakening its competitiveness. Meanwhile, it is hair-raising to hear stories in Hong Kong about the number of U.S. companies feeling the need to transfer advanced technology to China under pressure from Beijing officials — and being afraid to complain to Washington about unfair trade practices. Yes, China's leaders, fearing unemployment, will revalue their currency at their own pace. But if pushing this bill even marginally slows the pace of American firms shifting operations here, and gives others more time to adapt, it will be worth it.

But, Lord in heaven, do not let the House pass this bill. That would trigger a trade war in the middle of our Great Recession. We tried that in 1930. It didn't end well. Worse, today it would distract us from thinking about the real issue: How do we adjust our labor market

to the simultaneous intensification of globalization and the IT revolution, the biggest thing happening in the world today? The intensification of globalization means more parts of any product or service can be produced anywhere, and the intensification of the IT revolution means more parts of any product or service can be created by machines and software.

I am typing this column on a Dell laptop that says "Made in China" on the bottom. In fact, it was assembled in China — but the design, memory board, screen, casing and dozens of other parts were all made in other countries. And while the machine says "Made in China," the lion's share of its value and profit goes to the firm that conceived the idea and orchestrated that supply chain — Dell Inc. in Texas.

We are never going to get those labor-intensive assembly jobs back from China — the wage differentials are far too great, no matter how much China revalues its currency. We need to focus on multiplying more people at the high-value ideation and orchestration end of the supply chain, and in the manufacturing processes where one person can be highly productive, and well paid, by operating multiple machines. We need to focus on "Imagined in America" and "Orchestrated From America" and "Made in America by a smart worker using a phalanx of smarter robots." In total value terms, America still manufactures almost as much as China. We just do it with far fewer people, which is why we need more start-ups.

But we also need to stop thinking that a middle class can be sustained only by factory jobs. Thirty years ago, Hong Kong was a manufacturing center. Now its economy is 97 percent services. It has adjusted so well that this year the Hong Kong government is giving a bonus of \$775 to each of its residents. One reason is that Hong Kong has transformed itself into a huge tourist center that last year received 36 million visitors — 23 million from China. Their hotel stays, dining and jewelry purchases are driving prosperity here. The U.S. Commerce Department says 801,000 mainland Chinese visited the United States last year, adding \$5 billion to the U.S. economy. More Chinese want to come, but, for security reasons, visas are hard to obtain. If we let in as many Chinese tourists as Hong Kong it would inject more than \$115 billion into what is a highly unionized U.S. hotel, restaurant, gaming and tourism industry. □



The great restoration



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If, in the 1960s, you had tried to judge America by looking at the sit-ins and Woodstock, you would have had a very distorted picture of where the country was heading. You wouldn't have been able to predict that Richard Nixon would win the youth vote in 1972, which he did. You wouldn't have been able to predict that Republicans would go on to win four out of the next five presidential elections, a streak interrupted only by Jimmy Carter, who ran as a conservative Democrat.

Similarly, if you look only at the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street movements that have been getting so much coverage in the news media, you know very little about the wider America. Most Americans seem to understand this. According to data from the Pew Research Center, they are paying less attention to the Occupy Wall Street movement than any other major story — less than Afghanistan, Amanda Knox, the 2012 election, the death of Steve Jobs and far, far less than news about the economy.

While the cameras surround the flamboyant fringes, the

rest of the country is on a different mission. Quietly and untelegraphically, Americans are trying to repair their economic values.

This project begins with the pessimism and anger you see in the protest movements. Seventy percent of Americans now say their country is in decline, according to various polls. When people are gloomy they have fewer babies, and, sure enough, fertility rates have dropped sharply, with the most dramatic plunges occurring in the hardest hit states, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

But that doesn't mean people are just shrinking back. Quietly but decisively Americans are trying to restore the moral norms that undergird our economic system.

The first norm is that you shouldn't spend more than you take in. After an explosion of debt over the past few decades, Americans are now reacting strongly against the debt culture. According to the latest Allstate/National Journal Heartland Monitor poll, three-quarters of Americans said they'd be better off if they carried no debt whatsoever. Not long ago, most people saw debt as a useful tool for consumption and enjoyment. Now they see it as a seduction and an obstacle.

By choice or necessity, 8 million Americans have stopped using bank-issued credit cards, according to The National Journal. The average credit card balance has fallen 10 percent this year from 2010. Banks, households and businesses are all reducing their debt levels.

Second, Americans are trying to re-establish the link between effort and reward. This was the link that was severed on Wall Street, where so many made so much for work that served no productive purpose. This was the link that was frayed by the bailouts, when people who broke the rules still got rewarded.

In sphere after sphere, strong majorities want to see a balance between what you produce and what you get. The bank bailouts worked and barely cost the government anything, but they are ferociously unpopular because the unjust got rewarded. The auto bailouts mostly worked, but they are unpopular even in the Midwestern states that directly benefited because those who failed in the market still got the gold. Public sector unions are unpopular because of the perception that benefit packages are out of balance.

The third norm is that loyalty matters. A few years ago there was a celebration of Free Agent Nation. But now most people, even most young people, would rather work long-term for one company than move around in search of freedom and opportunity. This values restoration is reshaping the way Americans see the world around them. Many economists say the cut-back in consumption will hurt the economy in the short run. But, according to the Heartland Monitor poll, 61 percent of Americans said the decline in consumption would "help the economy as it would create more savings that could be invested to create or expand business." □

Here come the stylish grooms!

CATHY HORYN
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On the evening of June 24, in Paris, men's fashion writers sat down for the spring Givenchy show at the Pompidou Center. Chairs had been arranged in the street-level lobby, and by the time the show began – an arrow of scowling men in bird of paradise prints – an audience had formed outside the windows as well. Splashed across the white

who wished to marry and the industry that stands to profit eventually from a change in attitudes. For instance, since the bill passed, J. Crew has outfitted many lesbian couples at its Madison Avenue wedding shop, said Jenna Lyons, the company's president and creative director. Based on feedback, she said, there was a need for simpler dresses, as a way for a woman to differenti-



Jim Kloiber, left, 44, a public relations executive, and David Straube, 46, an investor relations director, who say their styles have merged and plan to look similar at their wedding. With same-sex marriage legal in an increasing number of states, the fashion industry is considering what a wedding with two grooms should look like.

(Daniel King/The New York Times)

T-shirts and suits, the jungle green spikes looked like torture instruments, though the sheer abundance of prints took some of the edge off. The editors seemed charged by what Riccardo Tisci had boiled down from a 10-cent surfer theme, and declared it one of the season's best shows.

We mention all of this because that day a lot of us were following, on Twitter, the passage of the same-sex marriage bill in New York. Little else was discussed between the shows. The vote had huge meaning for the fashion community, both for individuals

ate herself if her partner decides to go the princess bride route. Lyons is also thinking of offering a white pantsuit. "It's not necessarily for a lesbian," she said. No, but the company now has a greater incentive to add the style. A gay aesthetic has long informed fashion, but it's going to be interesting to see how quickly retailers respond to gay people as a segment of the wedding market. That will depend, of course, on how fast other states legalize same-sex marriage. Lyons said her boss, Millard Drexler, wanted to see same-sex couples in J. Crew's

catalog. "We talked about it as soon it happened," she said of the vote. At that stage, she added, Drexler wasn't thinking strategy. "It was a show of solidarity and support." That's exactly how we felt in Paris. Boosted by Givenchy's joyful attack of prints and the vote in New York, we put 1 and 1 together. Referring to the printed suits, Bruce said, "I immediately pictured them on a beach with two dudes." From the outset, we believed that same-sex couples had a unique set of considerations when choosing their wedding attire. "Do we coordinate? Do we mismatch? Do we not care about that all?" Bruce asked. As the comic Sandra Bernhard put it recently in a telephone conversation: "Let's be honest, you can't recreate what a typical wedding is with a gay couple. You are the same as that person." Also, many people who in the 1970s and '80s escaped their family dynamic have settled into lives. In terms of a wedding, Bernhard said, "They want something that is lasting, smart and represents continuity in their lives." Perhaps unsurprisingly, the three couples interviewed for this article – all of whom are talking marriage within the next year or two – have fairly traditional views. Blake Glover, 30, a stylist, said that he and his partner, Austen Sydara, 23, a retail buyer, imagined a wedding with a "Brideshead Revisited" theme, because they loved the movie. "We're going vintage traditional – we're from the South," said Glover, who was raised in Fort Mitchell, Ala.

Yet, like the other couples, the two men recognized the need for wedding attire that, as Glover, who favors bow ties and shorts, said, "takes you out of your everyday." David Straube, 46, director of investor relations at Accenture, a management and outsourcing company, has been with Jim Kloiber, 44, a public relations executive, for 16 years, and as Kloiber wryly noted, their styles have merged. □

That man smells familiar

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Their names evoke two-button Botany 500 suits and martinis sipped in a 707's front cabin: Eau Sauvage, Habit Rouge, Pour Monsieur. And although sales are a fraction of the overall market for fine men's fragrances in the United States, experts in the field acknowledge their lasting relevance.

"They're like benchmarks – anything that comes after is almost always a direct descendant," said Grant

of Le Labo artisanal perfumery in New York. "You look at what Guerlain did with vetiver, and so much of it has been copied. In some countries you can smell it in the subways because everyone wears it." (In Europe, the classics still sell as if it's 1969; last year Eau Sauvage was the third best-selling men's fragrance in France, according to the NDP Group, a market research company that tracks sales in department stores.)

The vogue for all things ret-



Vintage fragrances at Beverly Hills Perfumery in Beverly Hills, Calif., Aug. 25, 2011. As nostalgia for the early 1960s persists, a handful of men's fragrances from that period are getting a second look. (Stephanie Diani/The New York Times)

Osborne, founder and editor of Basenotes, a website for perfume enthusiasts.

Chanel Pour Monsieur, introduced in 1955, "should by all rights be sitting under a triple-glass bell jar next to the meter and kilogram at the Pavillon de Breteuil as the reference masculine fragrance," wrote Luca Turin, the biophysicist and olfactory scholar and an author of "Perfumes: The Guide" (Viking, 2008). Christian Dior's Eau Sauvage, introduced in 1966, revolutionized the men's category as the first perfume to make heavy use of hedione, a synthetic analog of jasmine; Guerlain Vetiver, based on the aromatic grass and introduced in 1961 after similar scents by Givenchy (1959) and Carven (1957), continues to beget modern iterations like Grey Vetiver, by Tom Ford.

These classic men's fragrances "left very long-lasting impacts on how people develop perfumes," said Eddie Roschi, a founder

ro is a marketing opportunity not lost on perfume makers. Christian Dior promoted Eau Sauvage with a print and television campaign built around a 1966 photo of French actor Alain Delon. (The music for one commercial was a snippet from the theme of "Mad Men.") In an age when hip young people transformed the flat-lining Pabst Blue Ribbon and Parliament brands into winking fashion statements, it makes sense that artifacts like Eau Sauvage and Habit Rouge might follow.

Indeed, the venerable Old Spice has been brand-extended so deftly that most younger users are probably unaware that the formula dates to 1938 or was derived from a women's perfume. Last year, the flagship Old Spice line, including the original after-shave in a buoy-shaped bottle, grossed \$33 million at mass-merchandise outlets excluding Walmarts, according to Symphony IRI, a Chicago-based market research company. □